



The term, "The United Nations," was suggested by Franklin Delano Roosevelt. It was first used in the D

On January 1, 1942, the representatives of 26 nations that were fighting against the Axis aggressors sig

The Governments signatory hereto,

Having subscribed to a common program of purposes and principles embodied in the Joint Declaration

Being convinced that complete victory over their enemies is essential to defend life, liberty, independen

DECLARE:

(1) Each Government pledges itself to employ its full resources, military or economic, against those men



(2) Each Government pledges itself to co-operate with the Governments signatory hereto and not to ma

DONE at Washington, January First, 1942.

The original signatories of the Declaration were:

United States

United Kingdom

U.S.S.R.

China

Australia



Belgium

Canada

Costa Rica

Cuba

Czechoslovakia

Dominican Republic

El Salvador

Greece





Guatemala

Haiti

Honduras

India

Luxembourg

Netherlands

New Zealand



Nicaragua

Norway

Panama

Poland

South Africa

Yugoslavia











In addition to the original 26 signatories. 21 nations adhered to the Declaration. Below is a list of the ad

Mexico

Philippine Commonwealth

Ethiopia

Iraq

Brazil



Bolivia

Iran



June 5, 1942

June 10, 1942

July 28, 1942

January 16, 1943

February 8, 1943



April 27, 1943

September 10, 1943







U. S. Department of State Bulletin, January 3, 1942, p. 3.



France and Denmark were generally regarded as having been identified with the United



Nations from the beginning, as the French authorities abroad had carried on hostilities and the

Danish Minister in Washington had signified the adherence of all free Danes to the Allied

cause. As the Declaration was signed by governments, they could not at that time, however,

formally adhere to it.



France, when the French National Committee was constituted as a government, adhered

formally to the Declaration. Denmark, which was not liberated until after the opening of the San

Francisco Conference was admitted as one of the United Nations by the Conference.





These dates are from the U. S. Department of State Bulletin, August 12, 1945. The dates given

are those borne by the communications addressed to the Department of State.







Colombia

Liberia



France

Ecuador

Peru

Chile

Paraguay

Venezuela

Uruguay

Turkey



Egypt

Saudi Arabia

Syria

Lebanon



December 22, 1943

February 26, 1944

December 26, 1944



February 7, 1945

February 11, 1945

February 12, 1945

February 12, 1945

February 16, 1945

February 23, 1945

February 24, 1945

February 27, 1945



March 1, 1945

March 1, 1945

March 1, 1945

















