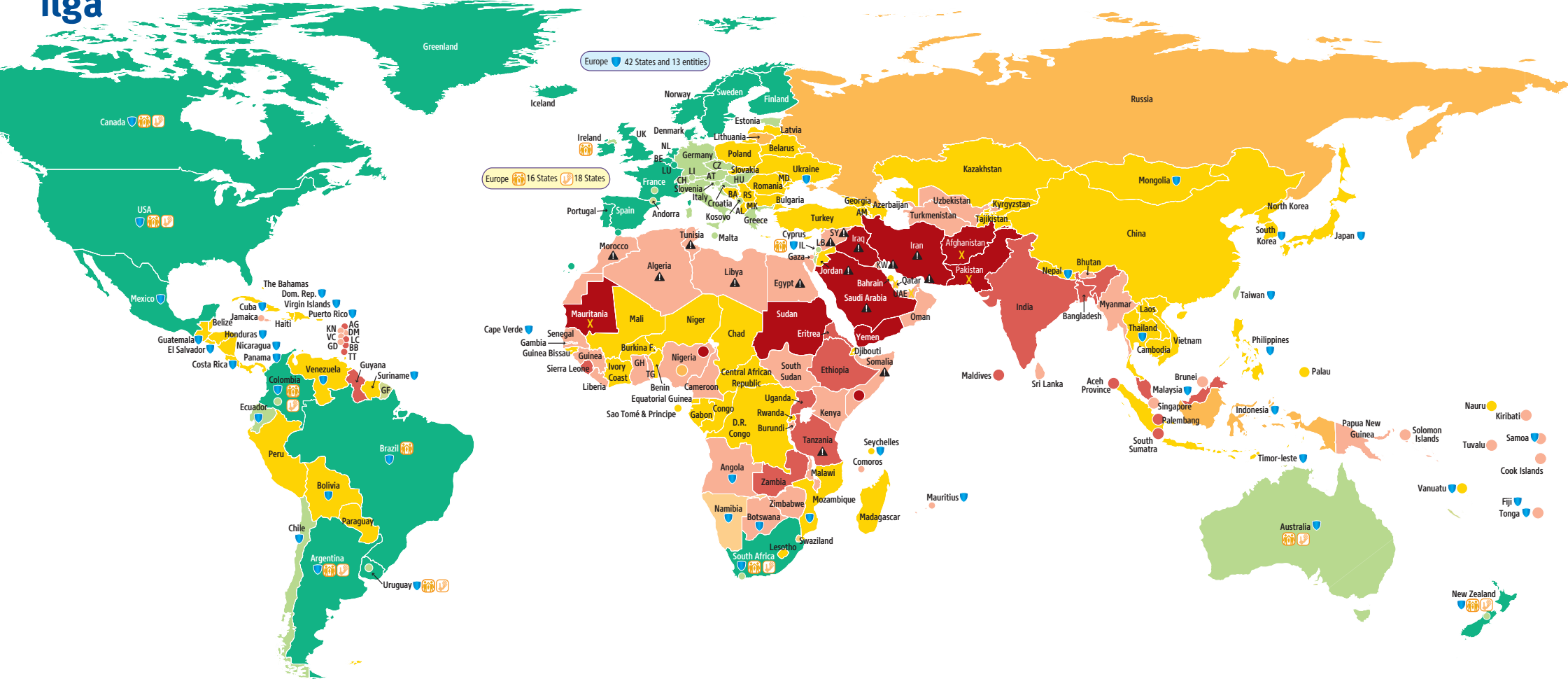




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CRIMINALISATION

72 STATES

DEATH		implemented in 8 States (or parts of)		14 Y - life (prison)	14 States
		not implemented in 5 States		Up to 14 Y	57 States
		Religious-based laws alongside the civil code: 19 States		'Promotion' laws	3 States
				No penalising law	

In green, yellow and orange countries, same-sex sexual acts were decriminalised or never penalised: **123 States**

PROTECTION

85 States
Many States run concurrent protections

	Constitution	9 States
	Employment	72 States
	Various	63 States
	Hate crime	43 States
	Incitement to hate	39 States
	Ban on 'conversion therapy'	3 states

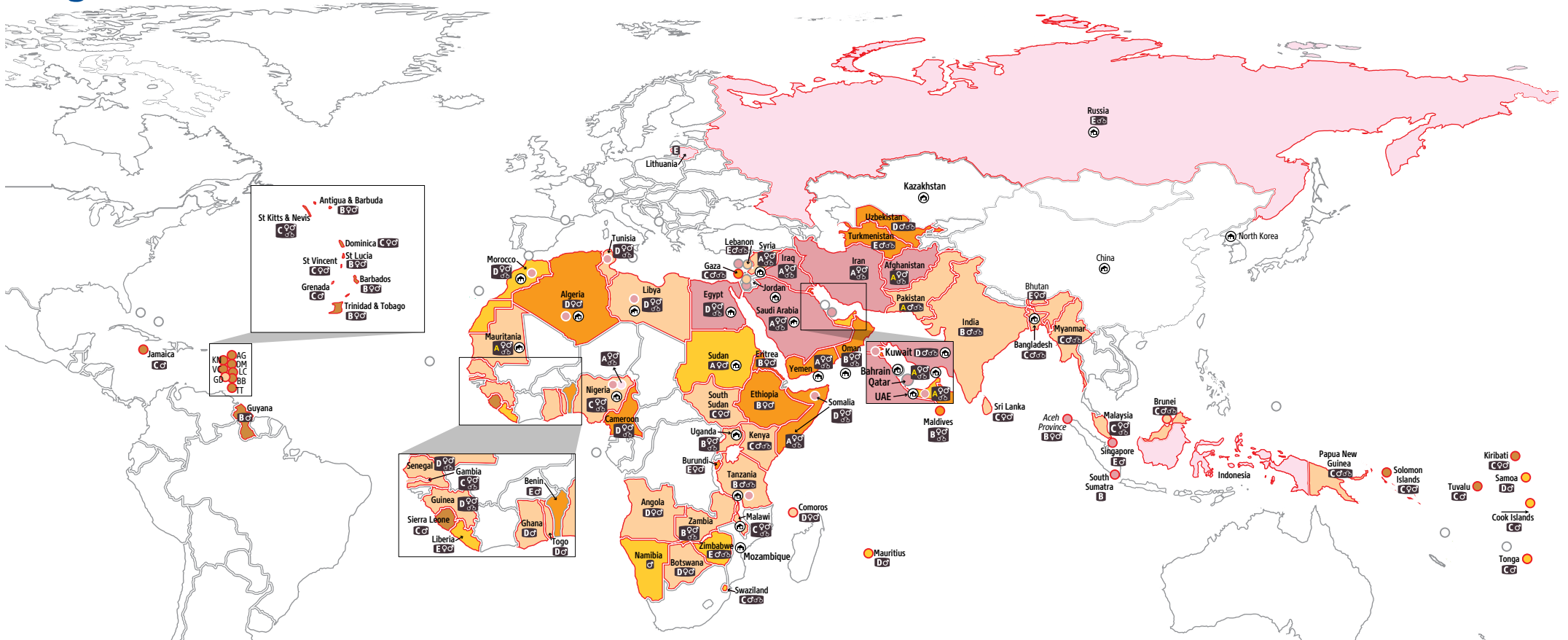
RECOGNITION

47 States
A small number of States provide for marriage and partnership concurrently

	Marriage	22 States		Joint adoption	26 States
	Partnership	28 States		2nd parent adoption	27 States

Separate detailed maps for these three categories are produced alongside this Overview map.

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ACTUAL OFFENCE THAT GENERATES MAXIMUM SENTENCES

Promotion ("propaganda") laws 3 States	Against nature 30 States
Sexual act 15 States	Buggery 13 States
Sodomy 11 States	Morality law: LGB expression 19 States (and some provinces)

CATEGORIES OF MAXIMUM SENTENCES

- A** Death 8 States (implemented)
- A** Death 5 States (not implemented)
- B** 15 years to Life (12 States)
- C** 8 to 14 years (23 States)
- D** 3 to 7 years (20 States)
- E** 1 month – 2 years (or a fine) (10 States)

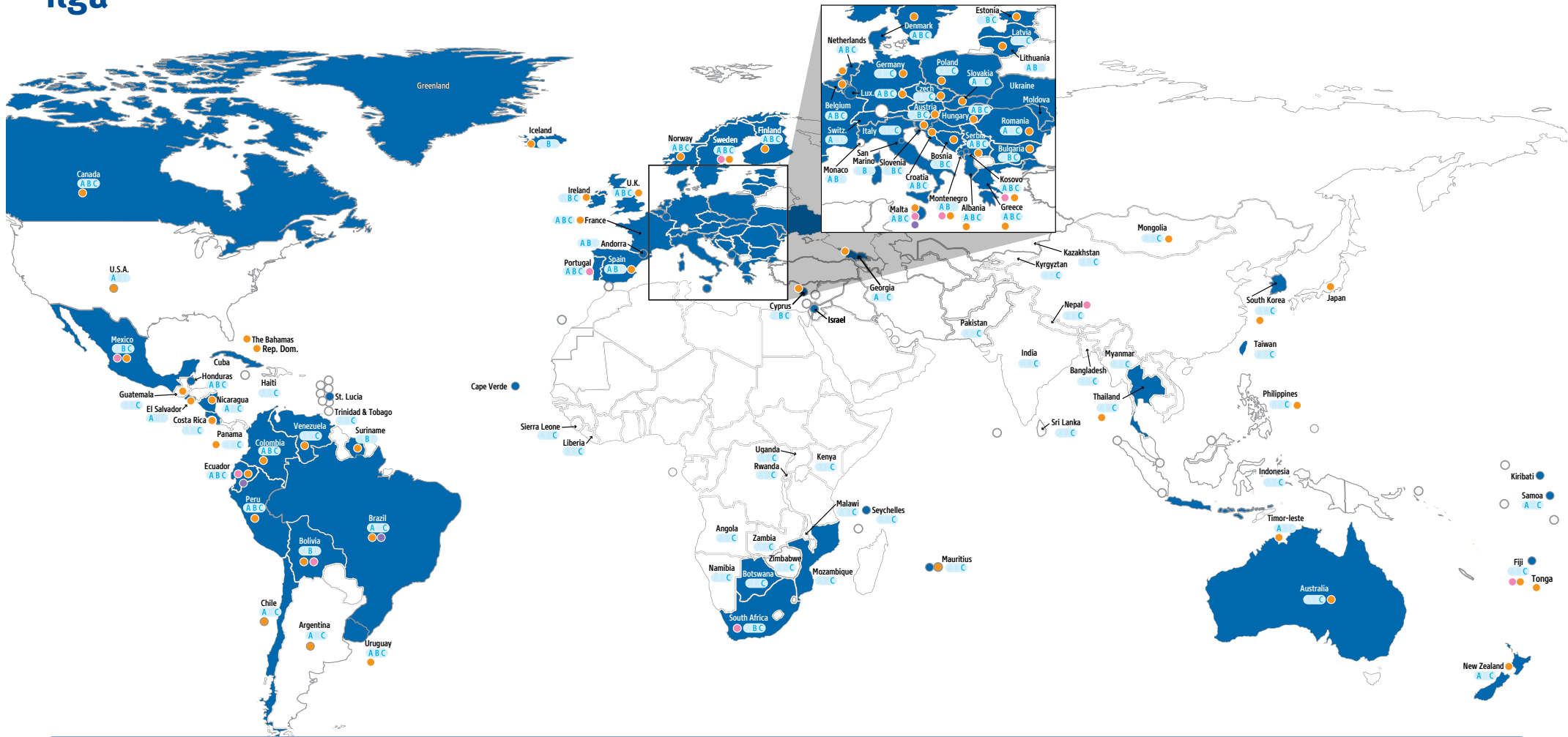
- Relationship between females is illegal
45 States (including Egypt)
- Relationship between males is illegal
72 States (including Egypt)

- Arrests (documented) in the past 3 years (**45 States**)

- Barriers to NGO formation, establishment or registration (**25 States**)

Note: the country entries on these criminalizing States in *State Sponsored Homophobia* outline the full range of penal provisions and sanctions under which same-sex sexual relations are targeted. In this map we chart only the category in which **maximum sentences** fall.

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PROTECTION

Non-discrimination in employment
72 States

- A B C** Hate crimes based on sexual orientation considered an aggravating circumstance (43 States)
- B** Incitement to hatred based on sexual orientation prohibited (39 States)
- A B C** Presence of a National Human Rights Institution [NHRI] that includes sexual orientation in its human rights work (86 States)

- Constitutional prohibition of discrimination based on sexual orientation (9 States)
- Other non-discrimination provisions specifying sexual orientation (63 States)

- Ban on so-called 'conversion therapy' (3 States)

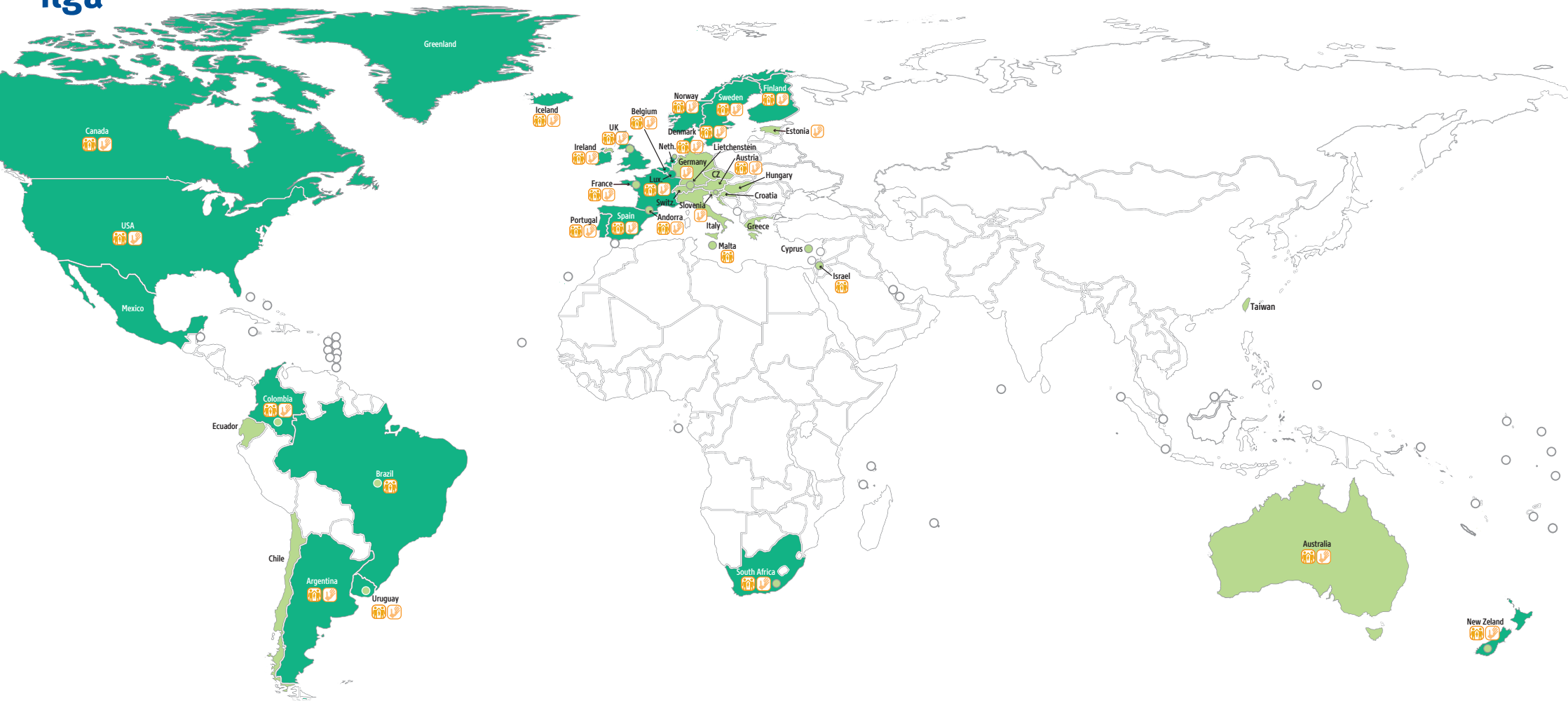
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Joint Adoption [26 States]



Second parent adoption [27 States]

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