

Appendix A: Notes on Nationality

AFRICA:

South Sudan – The United States recognized South Sudan as a sovereign, independent state on July 9, 2011 following its secession from Sudan.

ASIA:

Timor-Leste – East Timor voted for independence from Indonesia in an August 30, 1999 referendum and was under the authority of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET) until May 20, 2002. On May 20, 2002, East Timor became an independent nation; on that date, the United States Government established diplomatic relations with East Timor. On July 10, 2007, the Foreign Names Committee of the U.S. Board of Geographic Names approved Timor-Leste as the short form name.

EUROPE:

Kosovo – See Yugoslavia note.

Montenegro – See Yugoslavia note.

Serbia and Montenegro – See Yugoslavia note.

Serbia – See Yugoslavia note.

Yugoslavia– On February 4, 2003 the Parliament of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia voted to adopt a new constitution establishing the state union of Serbia and Montenegro. The United States and Montenegro established diplomatic relations on August 15, 2006 after Montenegro's successful May 21, 2006 independence referendum. The United States formally recognized Kosovo as a sovereign and independent state and established diplomatic relations with Kosovo on February 18, 2008 after Kosovo's declaration of independence on February 17, 2008. The continued use of the term Serbia and Montenegro reflects visas issued in Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) passports.