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## Eight milestones in legal recognition

***This paper lists the countries of the world that have decriminalised homosexual acts, the countries that have started to explicitly prohibit sexual orientation discrimination, and the countries that have started to legally recognise same-sex couples. It does so in chronological order per continent – and thereby tells the story of legal recognition of homosexual orientation in more and more countries.***

Eight possible milestones in the process of legal recognition have been selected for inclusion in this overview. In 12 charts, per topics and regions of the world, it indicates per country whether – and if so, since which year:

- homosexual *sexual acts* between adults (women and men) are legal in criminal law;
- (after decriminalisation of homosexual acts between two adults) *age limits* in criminal law are now equal for homosexual and heterosexual acts;
- at least some forms of sexual orientation *discrimination in employment* are explicitly forbidden by legislation for at least one sector;
- at least some forms of sexual orientation *discrimination in relation to goods and/or services* (such as education) are explicitly forbidden by legislation in at least one sector;
- non-registered *cohabitation* by same-sex partners is recognised in law for at least some purpose(s);
- same-sex couples can enter into a form of *registered partnership*;
- joint and/or second-parent *adoption* by same-sex partner(s) is legally possible;
- same-sex couples can get legally *married*.

The overview does not take into account any legal differentiation between homosexual and heterosexual acts in the context of the armed forces, prostitution, public sex, non-consensual sex, or sexual violence. It also does not take into account any legislation that explicitly targets anti-homosexual hate crimes. The increasing number of legal restrictions on (positive) information about homosexuality (such as prohibitions of so called ‘promotion’ of homosexuality) have also been left out of this overview, as have some very limited forms of implicit partnership recognition that may exist in some countries.

## Patterns over time

The overview is chronological in two senses. Firstly, the countries are listed in the order in which they have reached a particular milestone:

- decriminalisation in charts 1 to 4;
- anti-discrimination in charts 5 to 8;
- partner-recognition in charts 9 to 12.

Secondly, the overview shows that there appear to be certain chronological trends in the ways many countries go about their legal recognition of homosexual orientation (for example, decriminalisation typically

comes before partner-recognition, and marriage typically becomes available after non-registered cohabitation or registered partnership. This is a hypothesis that I first explored in:

- Kees Waaldijk, 'Standard sequences in the legal recognition of homosexuality – Europe's past, present and future', *Australasian Gay & Lesbian Law Journal* 1994(4), 50-72, <https://hdl.handle.net/1887/3624>.

Furthermore, a growing number of countries have been changing their laws so as to *reduce* the level of legal recognition of same-sex orientation (and often simultaneously also reducing the level of recognition for transgender identities and expressions). This phenomenon, which started already in the last two centuries, and which has been intensifying during the last two decades, is documented in the 12 charts of this overview: any nationwide legal backsliding regarding one of the eight milestones is highlighted in ***bold italics***, and legal backsliding in only parts of a country is highlighted in *simple italics*.

## Global Index and analysis

The information in this Compact chronological overview is input for the provisional data in my *Global Index on Legal Recognition of Homosexual Orientation (GILRHO)*. The 2025 version of GILRHO has not yet been published. A full description of GILRHO and its methodology, plus an analysis of its interaction with GDP (Gross Domestic Product) per capita, was published in 2019:

- M.V. Lee Badgett, Kees Waaldijk & Yana van der Meulen Rodgers, 'The relationship between LGBT inclusion and economic development: macro-level evidence', 120 *World Development* 2019 (August), 1-14, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.worlddev.2019.03.011> (with provisional overall GILRHO scores for 132 countries for the years 1966-2011 in its Appendix).

A moving bubble chart visualisation of GILRHO data in relation to GDP per capita, and in relation to the percentages of respondents (in the World Values Survey and the European Values Study) that indicated 'homosexuals' as persons they would 'not like to have as neighbours', can be seen in several online video-recordings of lectures by me, listed in:

- Kees Waaldijk, Waruguru Gaitho & Andreas Ziegler, Leiden Overview on SOGIESC in International Law: A list of online introductory video/audio/reading materials for anyone interested in the international legal aspects of sexual orientation, gender identity/expression or sex characteristics – and in particular for anyone (considering) taking part in Leiden University's Summer School on SOGI in International Law, Leiden: Leiden University 2025, sections A4, B3, C3 and F3, <https://www.universiteitleiden.nl/en/education/study-programmes/summer-schools/sexual-orientation-and-gender-identity-in-international-law-human-rights-and-beyond/leiden-overview-on-sogiesc-in-international-law>.

For a discussion of European and the global trends in legal recognition of same-sex couples, see:

- Kees Waaldijk, 'What First, What Later? Patterns in the Legal Recognition of Same-Sex Partners in European Countries', in: M Digoix (ed.), *Same-Sex Families and Legal Recognition in Europe*, Cham: Springer 2000, 11-44, [https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-030-37054-1\\_2](https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-030-37054-1_2) (where I also explored the mutual interaction between public attitudes towards homosexuality and the legal recognition of same-sex couples).
- Kees Waaldijk, 'Same-Sex Couples under the International Right to Marry: Some Recognition of their Right but More Recognition for their Exclusion from it and for their Existing Marriages', in: AR Ziegler, ML Fremuth & BE Hernández-Truyol (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of LGBTI Law*, Oxford: OUP 2025, 657-694, <https://hdl.handle.net/1887/4177587>.

And for a discussion of worldwide legal developments regarding discrimination in employment, see:

- Kees Waaldijk, 'The strong global trend of prohibiting employment discrimination based on sexual orientation', 24 *Tijdschrift voor Genderstudies* 2021(3-4), 388-400, <https://hdl.handle.net/1887/3249939>.

## Countries

GILRHO and his overview cover all independent countries of the world as of 2025, such as the 193 members of the United Nations, except the United Kingdom and China: Constituent parts of countries (other than of China and of the UK), and dependent jurisdictions overseas, are mostly not included in this visualisation. Nevertheless, in addition to data about 191 members of the UN, data about the following 11 countries/jurisdictions are presented here: Great Britain, Northern Ireland, Vatican (Holy See), Kosovo, Northern Cyprus, Palestine, China (mainland), Macau, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Puerto Rico.

The names of these 202 countries are given here as they are in 2025, also for the years *before* the latest name change of a country. If countries have split or merged – or gained independence – at some moment since the late 18<sup>th</sup> century, this overview provides data about the now existing countries resulting from those splits, reunifications and decolonisations, also for the *earlier* years: the assumption made here is that those countries have existed (with their current name) already for centuries.

## Sources

The information in this overview is based on many sources (often including original texts of legislation and case law, legal commentary, academic publications, government websites, NGO reports, and/or media reports). The most used sources are:

- *ILGA World Database* (online at <https://database.ilga.org>).
- Lucas Ramón Mendos, *State-Sponsored Homophobia. Global Legislation Overview Update*, Geneva: ILGA – International Lesbian Gay Bisexual Trans and Intersex Association, December 2019 (online at <https://ilga.org/state-sponsored-homophobia-report>).

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## About this *Compact chronological overview*

This overview has had many earlier draft versions since 2009 (as hand-outs for students, conference participants and others). The plan for the coming year(s) is to replace this provisional version eventually with a more final version accompanied by detailed footnotes. For now it is work in progress. Errors are possible and laws keep changing. Also therefore, **comments and corrections are very welcome** at [c.waaldijk@law.leidenuniv.nl](mailto:c.waaldijk@law.leidenuniv.nl).

## Symbols and markers used in the 12 charts

|                            |                                                                                                                       |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1993                       | yes, in this year legislation (or a court ruling) to this effect <b><i>entered into force</i></b>                     |
| no                         | no, there is no legislation (or court ruling) to this effect                                                          |
| yes                        | yes, this is the law, already for a (very) long time                                                                  |
| never crim                 | homosexual acts (between adults) were probably never criminalised in this country                                     |
| n/a                        | not applicable (because homosexual acts are/were illegal irrespective of age)                                         |
| (...)                      | information about earlier periods                                                                                     |
| (yes 1993-2010)            | law to this effect used to exist in the indicated period                                                              |
| [reg 1993]                 | law to this effect exists in some part(s) of the country – and the earliest regional example exists since this year * |
| <b><i>bold-italics</i></b> | level of legal recognition went down in the whole country at the beginning of the indicated period                    |
| <i>italics</i>             | level of legal recognition went down in part of the country at the beginning of the indicated period                  |
| limited                    | law(s) or ruling(s) with a limited scope *                                                                            |
| non-explicit               | for this purpose, more general law(s) are used: laws that are not about sexual orientation *                          |
| unclear                    | legal situation seems ambiguous *                                                                                     |
| 1993?                      | available information or exact year of entry into force has not been confirmed                                        |
| no info                    | information is not easily available                                                                                   |

\* As regards the points that countries “receive” in the calculations for GILRHO for each of the eight “milestones” (see above), countries only get a *half* point for years when the relevant law is only “regional”, “limited”, “non-explicit” or “unclear” – and for example a *quarter* point if a regional law is limited, etc.

## 1. Europe – homosexual sexual acts legal in all 51 countries

|                       | Are homosexual acts<br>between adults<br>(women and men)<br>legal in criminal law?<br><br>If so, since when?                                       | Are age limits<br>(after decriminalisation for<br>two adults)<br>now equal for homosexual<br>and heterosexual acts?<br>If so, since when?  |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| France                | 1791                                                                                                                                               | 1982<br>( <i>unequal</i> 1942-1982)<br>(equal 1791-1942)                                                                                   |
| Monaco                | 1793                                                                                                                                               | 1793                                                                                                                                       |
| Belgium               | 1795                                                                                                                                               | 1985<br>( <i>unequal</i> 1965-1985)<br>(equal 1795-1965)                                                                                   |
| Luxembourg            | 1795                                                                                                                                               | 1992<br>( <i>unequal</i> 1971-1992)<br>(equal 1795-1971)                                                                                   |
| Netherlands           | 1811                                                                                                                                               | 1971<br>( <i>unequal</i> 1911-1971)<br>(equal 1811-1911)                                                                                   |
| Turkey                | 1800s                                                                                                                                              | 1800s                                                                                                                                      |
| Italy                 | 1890<br>[reg 1811]                                                                                                                                 | 1890<br>[reg 1811]                                                                                                                         |
| Vatican City          | 1890                                                                                                                                               | 1890                                                                                                                                       |
| Poland                | 1932                                                                                                                                               | 1932                                                                                                                                       |
| Denmark               | 1933                                                                                                                                               | 1976?                                                                                                                                      |
| Iceland               | 1940                                                                                                                                               | 1992                                                                                                                                       |
| Switzerland           | 1942<br>[reg 1798]                                                                                                                                 | 1992<br>( <i>limited</i> 1942-1992)<br>[reg 1798-1942]                                                                                     |
| Sweden                | 1944                                                                                                                                               | 1978                                                                                                                                       |
| Greece                | 1951                                                                                                                                               | 2015<br>( <i>limited</i> 1951-2015)                                                                                                        |
| Hungary               | 1962<br>( <i>limited</i> 1962-1979)                                                                                                                | 2002                                                                                                                                       |
| Germany               | 1969<br>[East Germany 1968,<br>West Germany 1969]<br>[ <i>illegal</i> 1871-1968/69]<br>[reg/legal 1813-1871]                                       | 1994<br>[East Germany 1987?,<br>West Germany 1994]<br>[ <i>n/a</i> 1871-1987?/1994]<br>[reg 1813-1871]                                     |
| Finland               | 1971                                                                                                                                               | 1999                                                                                                                                       |
| Austria               | 1971                                                                                                                                               | 2002                                                                                                                                       |
| Norway                | 1972                                                                                                                                               | 1972                                                                                                                                       |
| Malta                 | 1973                                                                                                                                               | 1973                                                                                                                                       |
| Slovenia              | 1977                                                                                                                                               | 1977                                                                                                                                       |
| Montenegro            | 1977                                                                                                                                               | 1977                                                                                                                                       |
| Croatia               | 1977                                                                                                                                               | 1998                                                                                                                                       |
| Great Britain (UK)    | 1981<br>[England & Wales 1967,<br>Scotland 1981]                                                                                                   | 2001                                                                                                                                       |
| Northern Ireland (UK) | 1982                                                                                                                                               | 2001                                                                                                                                       |
| Portugal              | 1983<br>( <i>limited</i> 1954-1983)<br>( <i>illegal</i> 1912-1954)<br>(legal 1852-1912)                                                            | 2007<br>( <i>limited</i> 1995-2007)<br>(equal 1954-1995)<br>( <i>n/a</i> 1912-1954)<br>(equal 1852-1912)                                   |
| Spain                 | 1988<br>(non-explicit 1850-1988)<br>( <i>illegal</i> 1954-1979)<br>( <i>limited</i> 1928-1932)<br>( <i>illegal</i> 1823-1850)<br>(legal 1822-1823) | 1988<br>(non-explicit 1850-1988)<br>( <i>n/a</i> 1954-1979)<br>( <i>unequal</i> 1928-1932)<br>( <i>n/a</i> 1823-1850)<br>(equal 1822-1823) |
| Liechtenstein         | 1989                                                                                                                                               | 2001                                                                                                                                       |
| Czech Republic        | 1990<br>( <i>limited</i> 1962-1990)                                                                                                                | 1990                                                                                                                                       |
| Slovakia              | 1990<br>( <i>limited</i> 1962-1990)                                                                                                                | 1990                                                                                                                                       |
| Andorra               | 1990?                                                                                                                                              | 1990?                                                                                                                                      |

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|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Ukraine            | 1991                                                                                                                                     | 1991?                                                                                               |
| Latvia             | 1992                                                                                                                                     | 2000?                                                                                               |
| Estonia            | 1992                                                                                                                                     | 2002                                                                                                |
| Lithuania          | 1993                                                                                                                                     | 2003?                                                                                               |
| Russia             | 1993<br>( <i>illegal 1934-1993</i> )<br>(legal 1917-1934)                                                                                | 1997?<br>(unequal 1993-1997)                                                                        |
| Ireland            | 1993                                                                                                                                     | 2006 limited?<br>(unequal 1993-2006)                                                                |
| Belarus            | 1994                                                                                                                                     | 2001?                                                                                               |
| Serbia             | 1994<br>[reg 1977-1990]                                                                                                                  | 2006                                                                                                |
| Albania            | 1995<br>(legal before 1952?)                                                                                                             | 2001                                                                                                |
| Moldova            | 1995                                                                                                                                     | 2003                                                                                                |
| North Macedonia    | 1996                                                                                                                                     | 1996                                                                                                |
| Cyprus             | 1998                                                                                                                                     | 2002                                                                                                |
| Georgia            | 2000                                                                                                                                     | 2000                                                                                                |
| Azerbaijan         | 2000                                                                                                                                     | 2000                                                                                                |
| Romania            | 2001<br>(limited 1994-2001)<br>( <i>illegal 1948-1994</i> )<br>( <i>limited 1937-1948</i> )<br>(legal 1865-1937)<br>(unclear until 1865) | 2001<br>(unequal 1996-2001)<br>(unclear 1994-1996)<br>( <i>n/a 1948-1994</i> )<br>(equal 1865-1948) |
| Bosnia-Herzegovina | 2001?<br>[reg 1998?]                                                                                                                     | 2001?<br>[reg 1998?]                                                                                |
| Bulgaria           | 2002<br>(limited 1968-2002)                                                                                                              | 2004                                                                                                |
| Armenia            | 2003                                                                                                                                     | 2003                                                                                                |
| Kosovo             | 2004<br>(unclear 1994-2004)                                                                                                              | 2004                                                                                                |
| San Marino         | 2004<br>( <i>limited 1975-2004</i> )<br>(legal 1865-1975)                                                                                | 2004<br>( <i>limited 1975-2004</i> )<br>(equal 1865-1975)                                           |
| Northern Cyprus    | 2014                                                                                                                                     | 2014?                                                                                               |

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## 2. Asia & Oceania – homosexual sexual acts legal in 30 out of 58 countries

|                  | Are homosexual acts<br>between adults<br>(women and men)<br>legal in criminal law?<br><br>If so, since when?                            | Are age limits<br>(after decriminalisation<br>for two adults)<br>now equal for homosexual<br>and heterosexual acts?<br>If so, since when? |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Vanuatu          | never crim                                                                                                                              | 2007                                                                                                                                      |
| Laos             | never crim                                                                                                                              | yes                                                                                                                                       |
| Cambodia         | never crim                                                                                                                              | yes                                                                                                                                       |
| Vietnam          | never crim                                                                                                                              | yes                                                                                                                                       |
| South Korea      | never crim                                                                                                                              | yes                                                                                                                                       |
| North Korea      | never crim                                                                                                                              | no info                                                                                                                                   |
| Micronesia       | never crim                                                                                                                              | yes                                                                                                                                       |
| Philippines      | 1887                                                                                                                                    | 1887                                                                                                                                      |
| Japan            | 1882<br><i>(illegal 1873-1882)</i><br>(legal until 1873)                                                                                | 1882                                                                                                                                      |
| Jordan           | 1951?                                                                                                                                   | 1951?                                                                                                                                     |
| Taiwan           | 1954?<br>(non-explicit 1907?-1954?)<br>(illegal until 1907?)                                                                            | 1907?                                                                                                                                     |
| Thailand         | 1957<br>(illegal 1908?-1957)<br>(legal until 1908?)                                                                                     | 1957                                                                                                                                      |
| Timor-Leste      | 1975                                                                                                                                    | 2009                                                                                                                                      |
| Bahrain          | 1976                                                                                                                                    | 1976?                                                                                                                                     |
| New Zealand      | 1986                                                                                                                                    | 2005?                                                                                                                                     |
| Israel           | 1988                                                                                                                                    | 2000<br>(no info 1988-2000)                                                                                                               |
| HongKong (China) | 1991                                                                                                                                    | 2006                                                                                                                                      |
| Australia        | 1994?<br>[reg 1975]<br>[reg/limited? 1972-1975]                                                                                         | 2016<br>[reg 1975]                                                                                                                        |
| Macau (China)    | 1996                                                                                                                                    | 1996                                                                                                                                      |
| China (mainland) | 1997<br>(non-explicit 1907?-1997)<br>(illegal until 1907?)                                                                              | 1997?<br>(non-explicit 1907?-1997?)                                                                                                       |
| Kyrgyzstan       | 1998                                                                                                                                    | 1998                                                                                                                                      |
| Kazakhstan       | 1998                                                                                                                                    | 1998                                                                                                                                      |
| Tajikistan       | 1998                                                                                                                                    | 1998                                                                                                                                      |
| Mongolia         | 2002<br><i>(non-explicit 1987-2002)</i><br>(legal 1961-1987)<br><i>(illegal 1934-1961)</i><br>(legal 1926-1934)<br>(no info until 1926) | 1961?<br><i>(unequal 1929-1934)</i><br>(equal 1926-1929)<br>(no info until 1926)                                                          |
| Marshall Islands | 2005                                                                                                                                    | 2005?                                                                                                                                     |
| Nepal            | 2007?                                                                                                                                   | 2007?                                                                                                                                     |
| Fiji             | 2010                                                                                                                                    | 2010                                                                                                                                      |
| Palau            | 2014                                                                                                                                    | 2014                                                                                                                                      |
| Nauru            | 2016                                                                                                                                    | 2016                                                                                                                                      |
| India            | 2018<br>(unclear pending appeals<br>2009-2014 & 2016-2018)<br>(illegal 1862-2009/2018)<br>(legal until 1862)                            | 2018                                                                                                                                      |
| Bhutan           | 2021                                                                                                                                    | 2021                                                                                                                                      |
| Singapore        | 2023                                                                                                                                    | 2023                                                                                                                                      |
| Iran             | <i>illegal since 1979</i><br>(no info until 1979)                                                                                       | no                                                                                                                                        |
| Iraq             | <i>illegal since 2024</i><br><i>(non-explicit 2003?-2024)</i><br>(legal 1969-2003?)                                                     | no<br>(no info before 2024)                                                                                                               |
| Indonesia        | no [reg legal]<br><i>[illegal in part of country since 2002]</i><br>[legal in all regions till 2002]<br><i>[unclear from 2026?]</i>     | <i>unequal since 1918</i><br>(equal until 1918)<br><i>[unclear from 2026?]</i>                                                            |
| Palestine        | no<br>[West Bank legal from 1951?]                                                                                                      | no<br>[West Bank equal from 1951?]                                                                                                        |

### 3. Africa – homosexual sexual acts legal in 21 out of 54 countries

|                          | Are homosexual acts<br>between adults<br>(women and men)<br>legal in criminal law?<br><br>If so, since when? | Are age limits<br>(after decriminalisation<br>for two adults)<br>now equal for homosexual<br>and heterosexual acts?<br>If so, since when? |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Benin                    | never crim                                                                                                   | 2018?<br>(until 1947?)                                                                                                                    |
| Central African Republic | never crim?                                                                                                  | yes?                                                                                                                                      |
| Democratic Rep. of Congo | never crim                                                                                                   | yes<br>(never unequal?)                                                                                                                   |
| Côte d'Ivoire            | never crim                                                                                                   | no                                                                                                                                        |
| Rwanda                   | never crim                                                                                                   | no                                                                                                                                        |
| Congo-Brazzaville        | never crim?                                                                                                  | no                                                                                                                                        |
| Niger                    | never crim                                                                                                   | no                                                                                                                                        |
| Madagascar               | never crim                                                                                                   | no                                                                                                                                        |
| Equatorial Guinea        | limited since 1954?<br>(legal 1932-1954?)                                                                    | limited since 1954?<br>(equal 1932-1954?)                                                                                                 |
| Guinea-Bissau            | 1993                                                                                                         | 1993                                                                                                                                      |
| Djibouti                 | 1995?                                                                                                        | 1995?                                                                                                                                     |
| South Africa             | 1998                                                                                                         | 2007                                                                                                                                      |
| Cape Verde               | 2004                                                                                                         | 2004                                                                                                                                      |
| SãoTomé & Príncipe       | 2012                                                                                                         | 2012?                                                                                                                                     |
| Lesotho                  | 2012?                                                                                                        | 2012?                                                                                                                                     |
| Mozambique               | 2015                                                                                                         | 2015?                                                                                                                                     |
| Seychelles               | 2016                                                                                                         | 2016                                                                                                                                      |
| Botswana                 | 2019                                                                                                         | 2019                                                                                                                                      |
| Gabon                    | 2020<br>(illegal 2019-2020)<br>(legal before 2019)                                                           | no<br>(no info until 1969)                                                                                                                |
| Angola                   | 2021                                                                                                         | 2021                                                                                                                                      |
| Mauritius                | 2023                                                                                                         | 2023                                                                                                                                      |
| Namibia                  | 2024                                                                                                         | 2024                                                                                                                                      |
| Egypt                    | non-explicit<br>(since 1937?)                                                                                | non-explicit<br>(since 1937?)                                                                                                             |
| Mauritania               | no                                                                                                           | n/a                                                                                                                                       |
| Malawi                   | no                                                                                                           | n/a                                                                                                                                       |
| Algeria                  | illegal since 1966?<br>(legal 1859-1966?)                                                                    | n/a<br>(no info until 1966)                                                                                                               |
| Senegal                  | illegal since 1966<br>(legal until 1966?)                                                                    | n/a<br>(no info until 1966)                                                                                                               |
| Cameroon                 | illegal since 1972<br>(legal 1965?-1972)<br>(reg until 1965?)                                                | n/a<br>(no info until 1972)                                                                                                               |
| Sudan                    | illegal since 1991?<br>(limited? 1899-1991?)                                                                 | n/a<br>(no info until 1991)                                                                                                               |
| South Sudan              | illegal since 1991?<br>(limited? 1899-1991?)                                                                 | n/a<br>(no info until 1991)                                                                                                               |
| Burundi                  | illegal since 2009<br>(legal until 2009)                                                                     | n/a<br>(equal until 2009?)                                                                                                                |
| Chad                     | illegal since 2017<br>(legal until 2017)                                                                     | n/a<br>(unequal until 2017)                                                                                                               |
| Mali                     | illegal since 2024<br>(legal until 2024)                                                                     | n/a<br>(equal until 2024?)                                                                                                                |
| Burkina Faso             | illegal since 2025?<br>(legal until 2025)                                                                    | n/a<br>(equal 1996-2025)<br>(no info until 1996)                                                                                          |

#### 4. Americas – homosexual sexual acts legal in 30 out of 35 countries

|                    | Are homosexual acts<br>between adults<br>(women and men)<br>legal in criminal law?<br><br>If so, since when? | Are age limits<br>(after decriminalisation<br>for two adults)<br>now equal for homosexual<br>and heterosexual acts?<br>If so, since when? |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Haiti              | 1791                                                                                                         | 1791                                                                                                                                      |
| Dominican Republic | 1822                                                                                                         | yes                                                                                                                                       |
| El Salvador        | 1826                                                                                                         | 1826                                                                                                                                      |
| Brazil             | 1831                                                                                                         | 1831                                                                                                                                      |
| Bolivia            | 1832?                                                                                                        | 1832?                                                                                                                                     |
| Guatemala          | 1834?                                                                                                        | 1834?                                                                                                                                     |
| Suriname           | 1869                                                                                                         | 2015                                                                                                                                      |
| Mexico             | 1872                                                                                                         | 1872                                                                                                                                      |
| Honduras           | 1899                                                                                                         | 1899                                                                                                                                      |
| Argentina          | 1903                                                                                                         | 1903                                                                                                                                      |
| Peru               | 1924                                                                                                         | 1924                                                                                                                                      |
| Uruguay            | 1934                                                                                                         | 1934                                                                                                                                      |
| Canada             | 1969                                                                                                         | 2019<br>[reg 1995]                                                                                                                        |
| Cuba               | 1979                                                                                                         | 1979                                                                                                                                      |
| Colombia           | 1981<br><i>(illegal 1890-1981)</i><br>(legal 1837?-1890)                                                     | 1981?<br><i>(n/a 1890-1981?)</i><br>(equal 1837?-1890)                                                                                    |
| Paraguay           | 1990                                                                                                         | no                                                                                                                                        |
| Bahamas            | 1991                                                                                                         | no                                                                                                                                        |
| Venezuela          | 1997<br><i>(non-explicit 1956-1997?)</i><br>(legal 1897-1956)<br>(limited 1873-1897?)<br>(no info 1863-1873) | 1897?                                                                                                                                     |
| Ecuador            | 1997<br><i>(illegal 1871-1997)</i><br>(legal 1837-1871)                                                      | 1997                                                                                                                                      |
| Chile              | 1999                                                                                                         | 2022                                                                                                                                      |
| Costa Rica         | 2002<br>(limited 1971-2002)<br>(illegal until 1971)                                                          | 1999?<br>(unequal 1971-1999?)<br>(n/a until 1971)                                                                                         |
| USA                | 2003<br>[reg 1962]                                                                                           | no<br>[reg 1962]                                                                                                                          |
| Puerto Rico (USA)  | 2003                                                                                                         | 2004?                                                                                                                                     |
| Nicaragua          | 2008<br>(limited 1974-2008?)<br>(non-explicit 1837-1974?)                                                    | 2008<br>(no info until 2008)                                                                                                              |
| Panama             | 2008                                                                                                         | 2008                                                                                                                                      |
| Belize             | 2016                                                                                                         | 2016                                                                                                                                      |
| Barbados           | 2022                                                                                                         | 2022                                                                                                                                      |
| St Kitts & Nevis   | 2022                                                                                                         | 2022                                                                                                                                      |
| Antigua & Barbuda  | 2022                                                                                                         | 2022                                                                                                                                      |
| Dominica           | 2024                                                                                                         | 2024                                                                                                                                      |
| St Lucia           | 2025<br>(no info until 1920)                                                                                 | 2025<br>(n/a until 2025)                                                                                                                  |
| Trinidad & Tobago  | no<br>(unclear pending appeal 2018-2025)                                                                     | no                                                                                                                                        |

## 5. Europe – sexual orientation discrimination prohibited in 43 out of 51 countries

|                       | Is (some) sexual orientation discrimination in <i>employment</i> explicitly forbidden in legislation (for at least one sector)?<br><br>If so, since when? | Is (some) discrimination on that ground in relation to <i>goods/services</i> explicitly forbidden in legislation (for at least one sector)?<br><br>If so, since when? |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Norway                | 1998                                                                                                                                                      | 1981 *                                                                                                                                                                |
| France                | 2001<br>(non-explicit 1985-2001)                                                                                                                          | 2001<br>(non-explicit 1985-2001)                                                                                                                                      |
| Denmark               | 1996                                                                                                                                                      | 1987 *                                                                                                                                                                |
| Sweden                | 1999                                                                                                                                                      | 1987 *                                                                                                                                                                |
| Netherlands           | 1992                                                                                                                                                      | 1992                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Ireland               | 1993                                                                                                                                                      | 2000                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Finland               | 1995                                                                                                                                                      | 1995                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Slovenia              | 1995                                                                                                                                                      | 1995                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Spain                 | 1996                                                                                                                                                      | 1996                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Iceland               | 2018                                                                                                                                                      | 1996 *                                                                                                                                                                |
| Luxembourg            | 1997                                                                                                                                                      | 1997                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Hungary               | 2004                                                                                                                                                      | 1997 *                                                                                                                                                                |
| Czechia               | 1999?                                                                                                                                                     | 2001                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Switzerland           | 2000 non-explicit                                                                                                                                         | 2020<br>(non-explicit 2000-2020)                                                                                                                                      |
| Romania               | 2000                                                                                                                                                      | 2000                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Bosnia&Herzegovina    | 2003<br>[reg 2000?]                                                                                                                                       | 2003?<br>[reg 2000?]                                                                                                                                                  |
| Belgium               | 2003                                                                                                                                                      | 2003                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Lithuania             | 2003                                                                                                                                                      | 2003                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Portugal              | 2003                                                                                                                                                      | 2004                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Great Britain (UK)    | 2003                                                                                                                                                      | 2007                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Northern Ireland (UK) | 2003                                                                                                                                                      | 2007                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Croatia               | 2003                                                                                                                                                      | 2009                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Malta                 | 2004                                                                                                                                                      | 2014?                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Italy                 | 2003                                                                                                                                                      | no<br>[reg 2004?]                                                                                                                                                     |
| Kosovo                | 2004                                                                                                                                                      | 2004                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Bulgaria              | 2004                                                                                                                                                      | 2004                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Cyprus                | 2004                                                                                                                                                      | 2004 limited?                                                                                                                                                         |
| Slovakia              | 2004                                                                                                                                                      | 2008?                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Poland                | 2004                                                                                                                                                      | 2010 limited?                                                                                                                                                         |
| Andorra               | 2004                                                                                                                                                      | 2005                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Austria               | 2004                                                                                                                                                      | 2017<br>(limited 1993-2017)<br>[reg 2004]                                                                                                                             |
| Estonia               | 2006<br>(limited 2004-2006)                                                                                                                               | 2008 limited?                                                                                                                                                         |
| Serbia                | 2005                                                                                                                                                      | 2010                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Greece                | 2005                                                                                                                                                      | 2015                                                                                                                                                                  |
| North Macedonia       | 2005                                                                                                                                                      | 2019                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Germany               | 2006<br>[reg 1992]                                                                                                                                        | 2006<br>[reg 1992]                                                                                                                                                    |
| Latvia                | 2006                                                                                                                                                      | 2013                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Georgia               | 2006                                                                                                                                                      | 2014?                                                                                                                                                                 |
| San Marino            | 2008                                                                                                                                                      | 2008                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Albania               | 2010                                                                                                                                                      | 2010                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Montenegro            | 2010                                                                                                                                                      | 2010?                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Moldova               | 2013                                                                                                                                                      | 2023                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Ukraine               | 2015?                                                                                                                                                     | no                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Liechtenstein         | no                                                                                                                                                        | 2016 *                                                                                                                                                                |

\* National legislation in relation to goods/services in these countries preceded national legislation in relation to employment (hence the order of countries).

## 6. Asia & Oceania – sexual orientation discrimination prohibited in 17 out of 58 countries

|                  | Is (some) sexual orientation discrimination in <i>employment</i> explicitly forbidden in legislation (for at least one sector)?<br>If so, since when? | Is (some) discrimination on that ground in relation to <i>goods/services</i> explicitly forbidden in legislation (for at least one sector)?<br>If so, since when? |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Israel           | 1992                                                                                                                                                  | 2000?                                                                                                                                                             |
| New Zealand      | 1994                                                                                                                                                  | 1994                                                                                                                                                              |
| Australia        | 1996<br>[reg 1983]                                                                                                                                    | 2007<br>[reg 1983]                                                                                                                                                |
| Fiji             | 1998                                                                                                                                                  | 1998                                                                                                                                                              |
| South Korea      | 2001 limited<br>[reg 2012?]                                                                                                                           | 2001 limited<br>[reg 2012?]                                                                                                                                       |
| Thailand         | 2003 limited                                                                                                                                          | no                                                                                                                                                                |
| Taiwan           | 2007                                                                                                                                                  | 2004 *                                                                                                                                                            |
| Philippines      | 2007 limited<br>[reg 2003]                                                                                                                            | 2012 limited<br>[reg 2014]                                                                                                                                        |
| Macau (China)    | 2009                                                                                                                                                  | no                                                                                                                                                                |
| Tonga            | no                                                                                                                                                    | 2010 limited? *                                                                                                                                                   |
| Samoa            | 2013?                                                                                                                                                 | no                                                                                                                                                                |
| Vanuatu          | 2014                                                                                                                                                  | no                                                                                                                                                                |
| Nepal            | 2015 limited                                                                                                                                          | 2015 limited                                                                                                                                                      |
| Kiribati         | 2015                                                                                                                                                  | no                                                                                                                                                                |
| Mongolia         | 2017                                                                                                                                                  | 2015?                                                                                                                                                             |
| Tuvalu           | 2017                                                                                                                                                  | no                                                                                                                                                                |
| Micronesia       | 2018                                                                                                                                                  | 2018                                                                                                                                                              |
| Marshall Islands | 2019 limited                                                                                                                                          | 2019 limited                                                                                                                                                      |
| Japan            | no<br>[reg 2019?]                                                                                                                                     | no<br>[reg 2019?]                                                                                                                                                 |
| Timor Leste      | <b>no since 2012</b><br>(yes 2002-2012)                                                                                                               | no                                                                                                                                                                |

\* National legislation in relation to goods/services in these countries preceded national legislation in relation to employment (hence the order of countries).

## 7. Africa – sexual orientation discrimination prohibited in 10 out of 54 countries

|                     | Is (some) sexual orientation discrimination in <i>employment</i> explicitly forbidden in legislation (for at least one sector)?<br>If so, since when? | Is (some) discrimination on that ground in relation to <i>goods/services</i> explicitly forbidden in legislation (for at least one sector)?<br>If so, since when? |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| South Africa        | 1994                                                                                                                                                  | 1994                                                                                                                                                              |
| Seychelles          | 2006                                                                                                                                                  | no                                                                                                                                                                |
| Mozambique          | 2007                                                                                                                                                  | no                                                                                                                                                                |
| Cape Verde          | 2008                                                                                                                                                  | no                                                                                                                                                                |
| Botswana            | 2010                                                                                                                                                  | no                                                                                                                                                                |
| Mauritius           | 2012                                                                                                                                                  | 2012                                                                                                                                                              |
| Liberia             | 2016?                                                                                                                                                 | no                                                                                                                                                                |
| São Tomé & Príncipe | 2019                                                                                                                                                  | no                                                                                                                                                                |
| Angola              | 2021                                                                                                                                                  | 2021                                                                                                                                                              |
| Equatorial Guinea   | 2022                                                                                                                                                  | no                                                                                                                                                                |
| Namibia             | <b>no since 2008</b><br>(yes 1992-2008)                                                                                                               | no                                                                                                                                                                |

## 8. Americas – sexual orientation discrimination prohibited in 22 out of 35 countries

|                           | Is (some) sexual<br>orientation discrimination<br>in <i>employment</i> explicitly<br>forbidden in legislation<br>(for at least one sector)?<br><br>If so, since when? | Is (some) discrimination<br>on that ground in relation<br>to <i>goods/services</i><br>explicitly forbidden<br>in legislation<br>(for at least one sector)?<br><br>If so, since when? |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Canada</b>             | 1996<br>[reg 1977]                                                                                                                                                    | 1996<br>[reg 1977]                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Guatemala</b>          | no                                                                                                                                                                    | 1996 limited? *                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Ecuador</b>            | 1998                                                                                                                                                                  | 1998                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Costa Rica</b>         | 2017<br>(limited 1998-2017)                                                                                                                                           | 1998 limited *                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Venezuela</b>          | 1999?                                                                                                                                                                 | 2011?                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>USA</b>                | <b>non-explicit since 2020</b><br>(explicit 1998-2025)<br>[reg 1973]                                                                                                  | <b>non-explicit since 2020</b><br>(explicit 2000-2025)<br>[reg 1973?]                                                                                                                |
| <b>Panama</b>             | no                                                                                                                                                                    | 2022 limited? *                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Mexico</b>             | 2003<br>[reg 1999]<br>(limited 2001-2003)                                                                                                                             | 2003<br>[reg 1999]<br>(limited 2001-2003)                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Uruguay</b>            | 2004 limited                                                                                                                                                          | 2004 limited                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Peru</b>               | 2017<br>[reg 2008]<br>(limited 2004?-2017)                                                                                                                            | 2017<br>[reg 2008]<br>(limited 2004?-2017)                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Nicaragua</b>          | 2008                                                                                                                                                                  | no                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Bolivia</b>            | 2009                                                                                                                                                                  | 2009<br>(limited 2001?) *                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Argentina</b>          | no<br>[reg 1996]                                                                                                                                                      | 2009 limited *<br>[reg 1996]                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>El Salvador</b>        | 2010 limited                                                                                                                                                          | 2010 limited                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Colombia</b>           | 2011                                                                                                                                                                  | 2011                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>St. Lucia</b>          | 2012                                                                                                                                                                  | no                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Chile</b>              | 2012                                                                                                                                                                  | 2012 limited                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Honduras</b>           | 2013                                                                                                                                                                  | 2013                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Puerto Rico (USA)</b>  | 2013                                                                                                                                                                  | no                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Cuba</b>               | 2014                                                                                                                                                                  | 2018?                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Suriname</b>           | 2015                                                                                                                                                                  | 2015                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Dominican Republic</b> | 2000 limited                                                                                                                                                          | 2000 limited                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Barbados</b>           | 2020                                                                                                                                                                  | no                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Brazil</b>             | no<br>[reg 1989]                                                                                                                                                      | no<br>[reg 1989]                                                                                                                                                                     |

\* National legislation in relation to goods/services in these countries preceded national legislation in relation to employment (hence the order of countries).

## 9. European Union member states – same-sex couples legally recognised in all 27 countries \*

|                    | Is there any recognition in law of non-registered cohabitation by same-sex partners?<br>If so, since when? | Can same-sex couples enter into a registered partnership?<br>If so, since when? | Is joint and/or second-parent adoption by same-sex partner(s) legally possible?<br>If so, since when? | Can same-sex couples get legally married?<br>If so, since when? |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Denmark</b>     | 1986                                                                                                       | no<br>(yes 1989-2012)                                                           | 1999                                                                                                  | 2012                                                            |
| <b>Sweden</b>      | 1988                                                                                                       | no<br>(yes 1995-2009)                                                           | 2003                                                                                                  | 2009                                                            |
| <b>Netherlands</b> | 1979                                                                                                       | 1998                                                                            | 2001                                                                                                  | 2001                                                            |
| <b>France</b>      | 1993                                                                                                       | 1999                                                                            | 2013                                                                                                  | 2013                                                            |
| <b>Belgium</b>     | 1996                                                                                                       | 2000                                                                            | 2006                                                                                                  | 2003                                                            |
| <b>Germany</b>     | 2001                                                                                                       | no<br>(yes 2001-2017)                                                           | 2005                                                                                                  | 2017                                                            |
| <b>Finland</b>     | 1993                                                                                                       | no<br>(yes 2002-2017)                                                           | 2009                                                                                                  | 2017                                                            |
| <b>Luxembourg</b>  | no info                                                                                                    | 2004                                                                            | 2015                                                                                                  | 2015                                                            |
| <b>Spain</b>       | 1995                                                                                                       | no<br>[reg 1998]                                                                | 2005<br>[reg 2000]                                                                                    | 2005                                                            |
| <b>Slovenia</b>    | 2011                                                                                                       | no<br>(yes 2006-2023)<br>(limited 2005-2006)                                    | 2011                                                                                                  | 2022                                                            |
| <b>Czechia</b>     | 1995                                                                                                       | 2006                                                                            | no                                                                                                    | no                                                              |
| <b>Hungary</b>     | 1996                                                                                                       | 2009                                                                            | no                                                                                                    | no                                                              |
| <b>Portugal</b>    | 2001                                                                                                       | no                                                                              | 2016                                                                                                  | 2010                                                            |
| <b>Ireland</b>     | 1996                                                                                                       | no<br>(yes 2011-2015)                                                           | 2015                                                                                                  | 2015                                                            |
| <b>Austria</b>     | 1998                                                                                                       | 2010                                                                            | 2013                                                                                                  | 2019<br>(limited 2017)                                          |
| <b>Malta</b>       | 2006                                                                                                       | 2014                                                                            | 2014                                                                                                  | 2017                                                            |
| <b>Croatia</b>     | 2003                                                                                                       | 2014                                                                            | 2022?                                                                                                 | no                                                              |
| <b>Cyprus</b>      | no info                                                                                                    | 2015                                                                            | no                                                                                                    | no                                                              |
| <b>Greece</b>      | 2015?                                                                                                      | 2016                                                                            | 2024                                                                                                  | 2024                                                            |
| <b>Italy</b>       | 2010                                                                                                       | 2016                                                                            | 2014 limited?                                                                                         | no                                                              |
| <b>Estonia</b>     | 2006?                                                                                                      | 2024?<br>(limited 2016-2024?)                                                   | 2017?                                                                                                 | 2024                                                            |
| <b>Latvia</b>      | no info                                                                                                    | 2024                                                                            | no                                                                                                    | no                                                              |
| <b>Lithuania</b>   | no info                                                                                                    | 2025 limited                                                                    | no                                                                                                    | no                                                              |
| <b>Romania</b>     | 2005?                                                                                                      | no                                                                              | no                                                                                                    | no                                                              |
| <b>Bulgaria</b>    | 2007                                                                                                       | no                                                                              | no                                                                                                    | no                                                              |
| <b>Poland</b>      | 2012                                                                                                       | no                                                                              | no                                                                                                    | no                                                              |
| <b>Slovakia</b>    | 2018?                                                                                                      | no                                                                              | no                                                                                                    | no                                                              |

\* Order of countries is according to years for nationwide marriage or registered partnership, whichever came first; and in case of neither marriage nor registered partnership according to year of first known recognition of cohabitation.

## 10. Non-EU countries in Europe – same-sex couples legally recognised in 10 out of 23 countries\*

|                              | Is there any recognition in law of non-registered <i>cohabitation</i> by same-sex partners?<br>If so, since when? | Can same-sex couples enter into a <i>registered partnership</i> ?<br>If so, since when? | Is joint and/or second-parent <i>adoption</i> by same-sex partner(s) legally possible?<br>If so, since when? | Can same-sex couples get legally <i>married</i> ?<br>If so, since when? |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Norway</b>                | 1986                                                                                                              | no<br>(yes 1993-2009)                                                                   | 2002                                                                                                         | 2009                                                                    |
| <b>Iceland</b>               | 2006?                                                                                                             | no<br>(yes 1996-2010)                                                                   | 2000                                                                                                         | 2010                                                                    |
| <b>Great Britain (UK)</b>    | 1999                                                                                                              | 2005                                                                                    | 2009<br>[reg 2005]                                                                                           | 2014                                                                    |
| <b>Northern Ireland (UK)</b> | 1999                                                                                                              | 2005                                                                                    | 2013                                                                                                         | 2020                                                                    |
| <b>Andorra</b>               | no info                                                                                                           | 2005                                                                                    | 2014                                                                                                         | 2023                                                                    |
| <b>Switzerland</b>           | 2000?                                                                                                             | 2007<br>[reg 2001]                                                                      | 2018                                                                                                         | 2022                                                                    |
| <b>Liechtenstein</b>         | no info                                                                                                           | 2011                                                                                    | 2022?                                                                                                        | 2025                                                                    |
| <b>San Marino</b>            | 2012?                                                                                                             | 2019<br>[limited 2018?]                                                                 | 2019<br>[limited 2018]                                                                                       | no                                                                      |
| <b>Serbia</b>                | 2005?                                                                                                             | no                                                                                      | no                                                                                                           | no                                                                      |
| <b>Monaco</b>                | no info                                                                                                           | 2020                                                                                    | no                                                                                                           | no                                                                      |
| <b>Montenegro</b>            | no info                                                                                                           | 2021                                                                                    | no                                                                                                           | no                                                                      |

\* Order of countries is according to years for nationwide marriage or registered partnership, whichever came first; and in case of neither marriage nor registered partnership according to year of first known recognition of cohabitation.

## 11. Americas – same-sex couples legally recognised in 13 out of 35 countries \*

|                          | Is there any recognition in law of non-registered <i>cohabitation</i> by same-sex partners?<br>If so, since when? | Can same-sex couples enter into a <i>registered partnership</i> ?<br>If so, since when? | Is joint and/or second-parent <i>adoption</i> by same-sex partner(s) legally possible?<br>If so, since when? | Can same-sex couples get legally <i>married</i> ?<br>If so, since when? |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Canada</b>            | 1990<br>[reg 1988]                                                                                                | no<br>[reg 2001]                                                                        | 2011<br>[reg 1995]                                                                                           | 2005<br>[reg 2003]                                                      |
| <b>Colombia</b>          | 2001?                                                                                                             | 2007?                                                                                   | 2014                                                                                                         | 2016                                                                    |
| <b>Uruguay</b>           | 2008                                                                                                              | 2008                                                                                    | 2009?                                                                                                        | 2013                                                                    |
| <b>Argentina</b>         | 2008<br>[reg 2001]                                                                                                | 2015<br>[reg 2003]                                                                      | 2010                                                                                                         | 2010                                                                    |
| <b>Brazil</b>            | 2000?                                                                                                             | 2011?<br>[reg 2004?]                                                                    | 2010<br>[reg 2001]                                                                                           | 2013<br>[reg 2011]                                                      |
| <b>Ecuador</b>           | 2008                                                                                                              | 2014                                                                                    | no                                                                                                           | 2019                                                                    |
| <b>Chile</b>             | no info                                                                                                           | 2015                                                                                    | 2022                                                                                                         | 2022                                                                    |
| <b>USA</b>               | 2010?<br>[reg 1992]                                                                                               | no<br>[reg 1992?]                                                                       | 2017<br>(unclear 2015-2017)<br>[reg 1993]                                                                    | 2015<br>[reg 2004]                                                      |
| <b>Puerto Rico (USA)</b> | no info                                                                                                           | no                                                                                      | 2018<br>(unclear 2015-2018)                                                                                  | 2015                                                                    |
| <b>Costa Rica</b>        | 2013?                                                                                                             | no                                                                                      | 2020                                                                                                         | 2020                                                                    |
| <b>Mexico</b>            | no info                                                                                                           | no<br>[reg 2007]                                                                        | no<br>[reg 2010]                                                                                             | 2022<br>[reg 2010]                                                      |
| <b>Cuba</b>              | 2022                                                                                                              | no?                                                                                     | 2022                                                                                                         | 2022                                                                    |
| <b>Bolivia</b>           | no info                                                                                                           | 2023<br>(limited 2020?)                                                                 | no                                                                                                           | no                                                                      |
| <b>Peru</b>              | 2020                                                                                                              | no                                                                                      | no                                                                                                           | no                                                                      |

\* Order of countries is according to years for nationwide marriage or registered partnership, whichever came first; and in case of neither marriage nor registered partnership according to year of first known recognition of cohabitation.

## 12. Africa, Asia & Oceania – same-sex couples legally recognised in 8 out of 112 countries \*

|                          | Is there any recognition in law of non-registered <i>cohabitation</i> by same-sex partners?<br>If so, since when? | Can same-sex couples enter into a <i>registered partnership</i> ?<br>If so, since when? | Is joint and/or second-parent <i>adoption</i> by same-sex partner(s) legally possible?<br>If so, since when? | Can same-sex couples get legally <i>married</i> ?<br>If so, since when? |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>New Zealand</b>       | 1992                                                                                                              | 2005                                                                                    | 2013<br>(limited 2004)                                                                                       | 2013                                                                    |
| <b>South Africa</b>      | 1996                                                                                                              | 2006                                                                                    | 2002                                                                                                         | 2006                                                                    |
| <b>Australia</b>         | 2008<br>[reg 1994]                                                                                                | no<br>[reg 2004]                                                                        | 2018<br>[reg 2002]                                                                                           | 2017                                                                    |
| <b>Taiwan</b>            | 2009?                                                                                                             | 2019 limited<br>[reg/limited 2015]                                                      | 2019                                                                                                         | 2019                                                                    |
| <b>Nepal</b>             | no info                                                                                                           | no                                                                                      | no                                                                                                           | 2024<br>(limited 2023)                                                  |
| <b>Thailand</b>          | no info                                                                                                           | no                                                                                      | 2025                                                                                                         | 2025                                                                    |
| <b>Israel</b>            | 1994                                                                                                              | 2006 limited                                                                            | 2005                                                                                                         | no                                                                      |
| <b>Japan</b>             | no info                                                                                                           | no<br>[reg/limited 2015]                                                                | no                                                                                                           | no                                                                      |
| <b>Hong Kong (China)</b> | 2010                                                                                                              | no                                                                                      | no                                                                                                           | no                                                                      |

\* Order of countries is according to years for nationwide marriage or registered partnership, whichever came first; and in case of neither marriage nor registered partnership according to year of first known recognition of cohabitation.