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Burkina Faso	Kiribati	Senegal
Burundi	Kosovo	Sierra Leone
Cambodia	Kyrgyz Republic	Sri Lanka
Cameroon	Lao PDR	Sudan
Cape Verde	Leone Solomon	Swaziland
Central African Republic	Lesotho	Syrian Arab Republic
Chad	Liberia	Tajikistan
Comoros	Madagascar	Tanzania
Congo, Dem. Rep	Malawi	Timor-Leste
Congo, Rep.	Mali	Togo
Côte d'Ivoire	Marshall Islands	Tonga
Djibouti	Mauritania	Turkmenistan
El Salvador	Micronesia, Fed. Sts.	Tuvalu
Eritrea	Moldova	Uganda
Ethiopia	Mongolia	Uzbekistan
Gambia	Mozambique	Vanuatu
Ghana	Myanmar	West Bank and Gaza
Guatemala	Nepal	Yemen, Rep.
Guinea	Nicaragua	Zambia
Guinea-Bissau		Zimbabwe