Additional Protocols in Force

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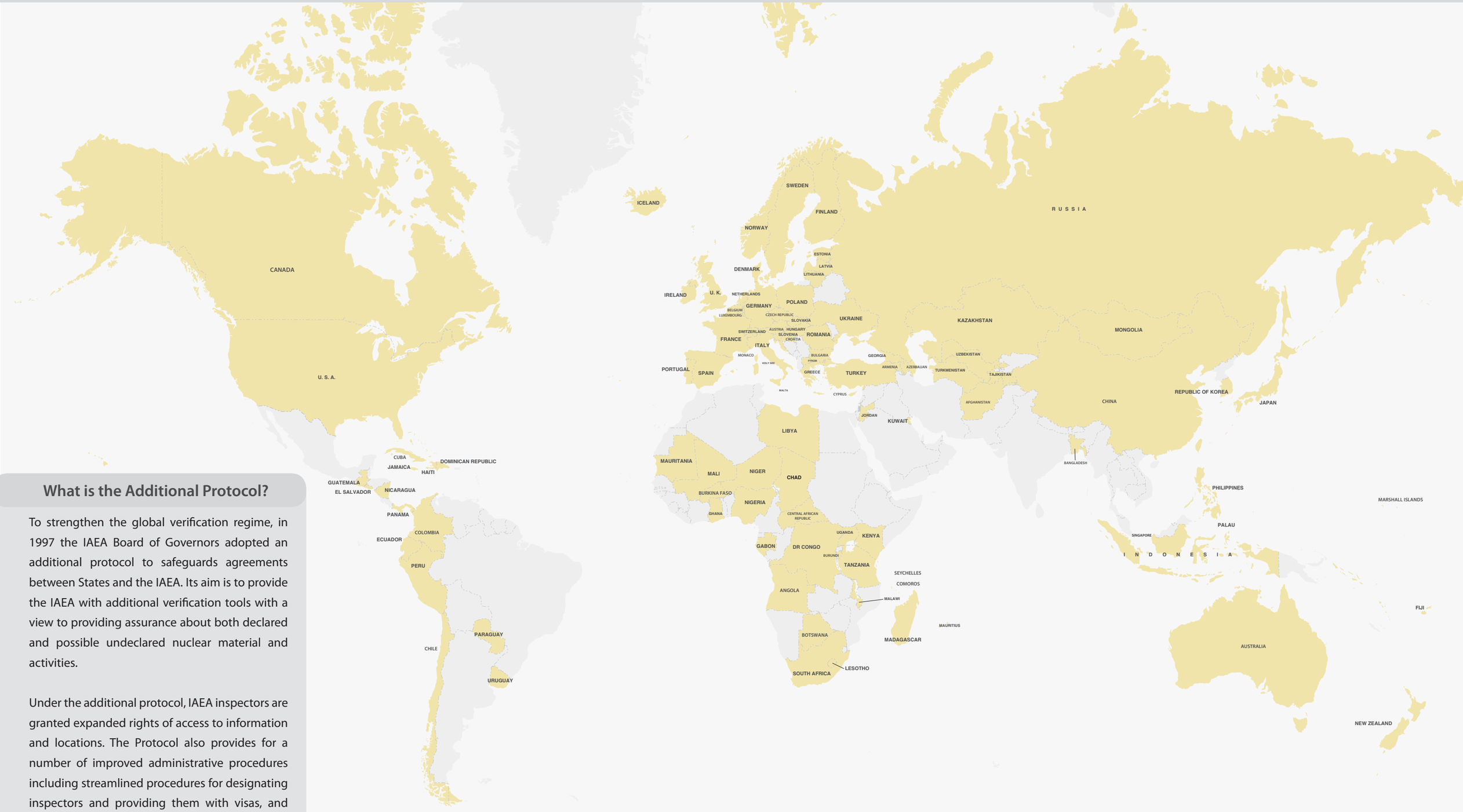

What is the Additional Protocol?

To strengthen the global verification regime, in 1997 the IAEA Board of Governors adopted an additional protocol to safeguards agreements between States and the IAEA. Its aim is to provide the IAEA with additional verification tools with a view to providing assurance about both declared and possible undeclared nuclear material and activities.

Under the additional protocol, IAEA inspectors are granted expanded rights of access to information and locations. The Protocol also provides for a number of improved administrative procedures including streamlined procedures for designating inspectors and providing them with visas, and improved means by which inspectors may communicate with the IAEA's Headquarters in Vienna, Austria.

As of 13 May 2010, Additional Protocols are in force with 100 countries.

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