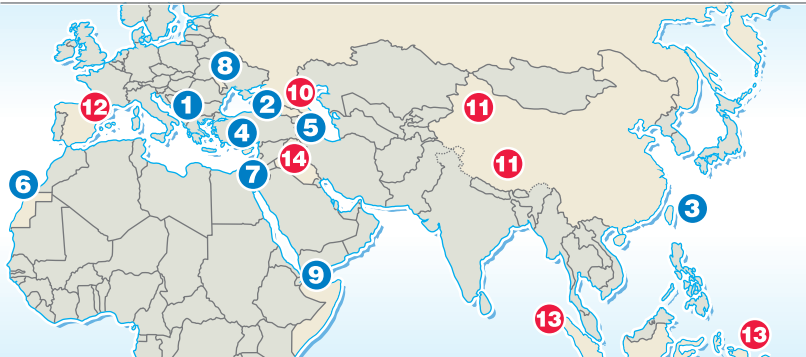


# Global implications of Kosovo ruling

The International Court of Justice ruling that Kosovo's 2008 declaration of independence from Serbia did not violate international law could embolden separatist movements in other countries across the world



## STATES WITH LIMITED RECOGNITION

**1 Kosovo:** Recognised by 69 UN members

**2 Abkhazia / South Ossetia:** Recognised as independent from Georgia by Russia and three other UN members

**3 Taiwan:** Recognised by 22 UN members. Regarded by China as part of its territory

**4 Northern Cyprus:** Recognised by Turkey

**5 Nagorno-Karabakh:** Disputed between Armenia and Azerbaijan

**6 Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic (Western Sahara):** Recognised by some UN members, others regard it as part of Morocco

**7 State of Palestine:** Recognised by several dozen UN members and Arab League

**8 Transnistria:** Declared independence from Moldova in 1990

**9 Somaliland:** Regards itself as independent of Somalia

## SECESSIONIST STATES

**10 Chechnya / Dagestan / Ingushetia:** Caucasian regions want separation from Russia

**11 Tibet / Xinjiang:** Ruled by China, seek independence

**12 Basque Country / Catalonia:** Provinces want full independence from Spain

**13 Aceh / Papua:** Breakaway regions of Indonesia

**14 Iraqi Kurdistan:** Self-rule since 1991