

**NOTE BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL****STATUS REPORT ON THE TIMELY SUBMISSION  
BY STATES PARTIES OF DECLARATIONS UNDER ARTICLE VI  
OF THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION  
FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 2021****1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 This Note, which is being submitted to the Executive Council (hereinafter “the Council”) for consideration at its Ninety-Ninth Session, provides an update on the information and analysis related to the implementation by the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) and States Parties of the decision “Timely Submission by States Parties of Declarations Under Article VI of the Convention” (EC-51/DEC.1, dated 27 November 2007). It covers the period from 1 January to 31 December 2021.
- 1.2 In response to decision EC-51/DEC.1, which requests all States Parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”) to meet their obligations regarding annual declarations in a timely manner, the Secretariat sent a note verbale to all States Parties (NV/VER/DEB-2/21, dated 5 February 2021), reminding them of the requirements of the decision and of the deadline for submission of the annual declaration on past activities (ADPA) for 2020.
- 1.3 In the decision, the Council also requests the Secretariat “to make its requirements known at regional meetings and at any other venues that the Secretariat deems effective”. During the reporting period, the decision was highlighted at a number of events: four regional meetings of National Authorities (in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, and Latin America and the Caribbean); one training course for representatives of National Authorities on fulfilling Article VI obligations under the Convention (global); a basic training course for representatives of National Authorities (global); one subregional training course on fulfilling declarations obligations under Article VI of the Convention for Arabic-speaking States Parties in the Middle East and North Africa; and the Twenty-Third Annual Meeting of National Authorities. Furthermore, the Secretariat has emphasised the importance of the timely submission of declarations during several bilateral meetings with Permanent Representatives and National Authorities.



## **2. SUBMISSION OF INITIAL DECLARATIONS UNDER ARTICLE VI**

During the reporting period, the Secretariat did not receive any initial declarations. As at 31 December 2021, only one State Party, Tonga, had yet to submit its initial declaration under Article VI. The Secretariat will continue to work with this State Party towards the submission of its outstanding initial declaration.

## **3. SUBMISSION OF ANNUAL DECLARATIONS UNDER ARTICLE VI**

- 3.1 The deadline for the submission of ADPA 2020 was 31 March 2021. As at that date, the Secretariat had received ADPA 2020 from 75 States Parties, including nine States Parties that notified the Secretariat that they had no declarable facilities or activities (“nil declarations”).<sup>1</sup> An additional 22 States Parties submitted information on declarable facilities or activities for ADPA 2020 after 31 March 2021, and two more States Parties notified the Secretariat that they had no declarable facilities or activities as specified in the Verification Annex to the Convention (hereinafter “the Verification Annex”).
- 3.2 As at 31 December 2021, a total of 88 States Parties had submitted declarations for declarable facilities or activities for 2020. Of these, 66 States Parties (75%) were on time in submitting their declarations. The current status of submission of ADPA 2020 is detailed in Annexes 1 and 2 to this report.
- 3.3 The deadlines for the submission of the annual declaration on anticipated activities (ADAA) for 2022 were 2 October 2021 (for Schedule 1 facilities) and 1 November 2021 (for Schedule 2 and 3 plant sites).
- 3.4 As at the deadline of 2 October 2021, 23 out of 24 States Parties with declarable activities had submitted their ADAA 2022 for Schedule 1 chemicals and related facilities. Accordingly, 96% of these declarations were on time. In addition, two States Parties notified the Secretariat that they anticipated no declarable activities with regard to Schedule 1 chemicals in 2022.
- 3.5 As at the deadline of 1 November 2021, 35 out of 39 States Parties with declarable activities had submitted their ADAA 2022 for Schedule 2 and 3 chemicals and related facilities. Four States Parties submitted their ADAAs after the deadline. Accordingly, 90% of these declarations were on time. In addition, nine States Parties notified the Secretariat that they anticipated no declarable activities with regard to Schedule 2 or 3 facilities in 2022 (seven States Parties within the deadline and two after the deadline).
- 3.6 A total of 43 States Parties declared activities and facilities for 2022 in relation to Schedule 1 and/or Schedule 2 and Schedule 3 chemicals, and six more States Parties notified the Secretariat that they anticipated no declarable activities. Of the States Parties with declarable activities, and in regard to their ADAA 2022, 39 (91%) were on time in submitting at least part of their declaration. The status of submission of ADAA 2022 is detailed in Annexes 3 and 4 to this report.

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Although the submission of nil declarations is not a requirement of the Convention, a number of States Parties choose to provide the Secretariat with such information voluntarily.

3.7 In paragraph 4 of EC-51/DEC.1, the Council requests “States Parties that anticipate difficulties in regard to the timely submission of their declarations in accordance with the deadlines in the Convention to inform the Secretariat at the earliest possible date of the circumstances of such difficulties”. As at the deadline for ADPA 2020, Portugal and Qatar had submitted such information.

#### **4. ONGOING EFFORTS TO ASSIST STATES PARTIES**

4.1 The Secretariat stands ready to hold bilateral meetings with representatives of States Parties with regard to their ADPAs and ADAAs, to offer advice and assistance where needed. Furthermore, the Secretariat provides customised support to those States Parties that encounter difficulties in identifying declarable activities, collecting data for declaration, and preparing and submitting their annual declarations, through bilateral consultations with National Authorities and training of National Authorities’ personnel. The Secretariat will continue to work with the States Parties concerned towards the timely submission of complete and accurate annual declarations.

4.2 As of 1 January 2022, the Secretariat made available to all States Parties its updated declaration resources, namely, the Declarations Handbook (Revised version 3), the Handbook on Chemicals, and a brochure on the most traded scheduled chemicals, to assist States Parties primarily in the preparation of Article VI declarations.<sup>2</sup>

4.3 The Secretariat continued to support States Parties in using the new Secure Information Exchange System (SIX) for the exchange of confidential information, including declarations. Currently, 112 users from 61 States Parties are registered for SIX. In 2021, the system was used by 39 States Parties for the submission of ADPA 2020. Further details and updates regarding the system are available in the Note by the Secretariat S/1989/2021 (dated 14 September 2021). The SIX project team is available to respond to any questions from States Parties and can be contacted via email ([six@opcw.org](mailto:six@opcw.org)).

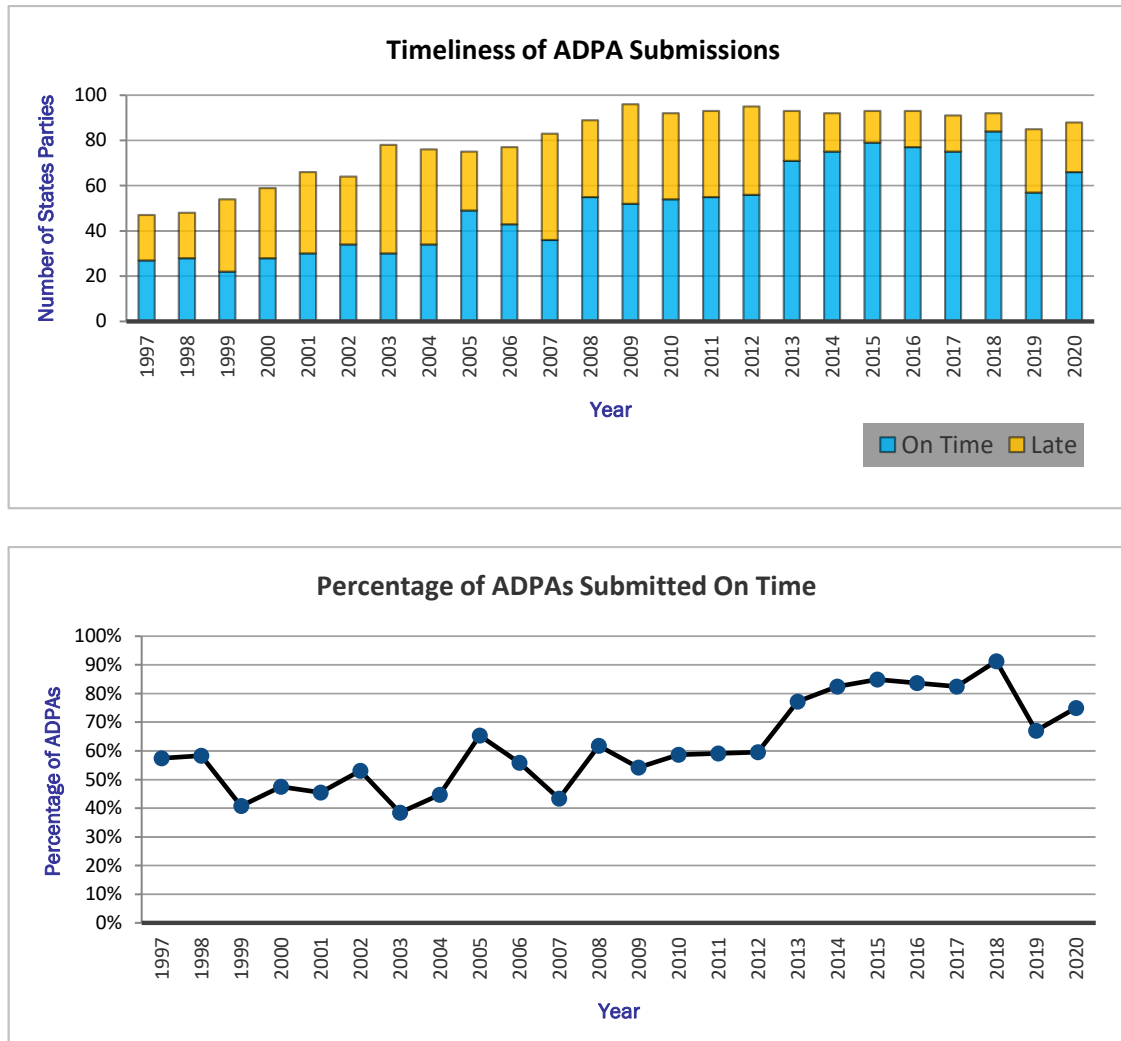
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<sup>2</sup> These resources can be found on the OPCW website (<https://www.opcw.org/resources/declarations>) or via the OPCW Catalyst portal under the “Verification Related Tools” section (<https://www.opcw.org/resources/catalyst/register>).

## 5. ANALYSIS OF TRENDS IN THE TIMELINESS OF PAST ADPA SUBMISSIONS<sup>3</sup>

5.1 In the last two ADPAs (2019 and 2020) there was a decrease in the number of declarations received by the required deadline when compared with the previous six years. The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic may well be a major reason for this decrease. A timeline of ADPA submissions from 1997 to 2020 is shown in Figure 1 below.

**FIGURE 1: OVERVIEW OF SUBMISSIONS OF ADPA 1997 - 2020**

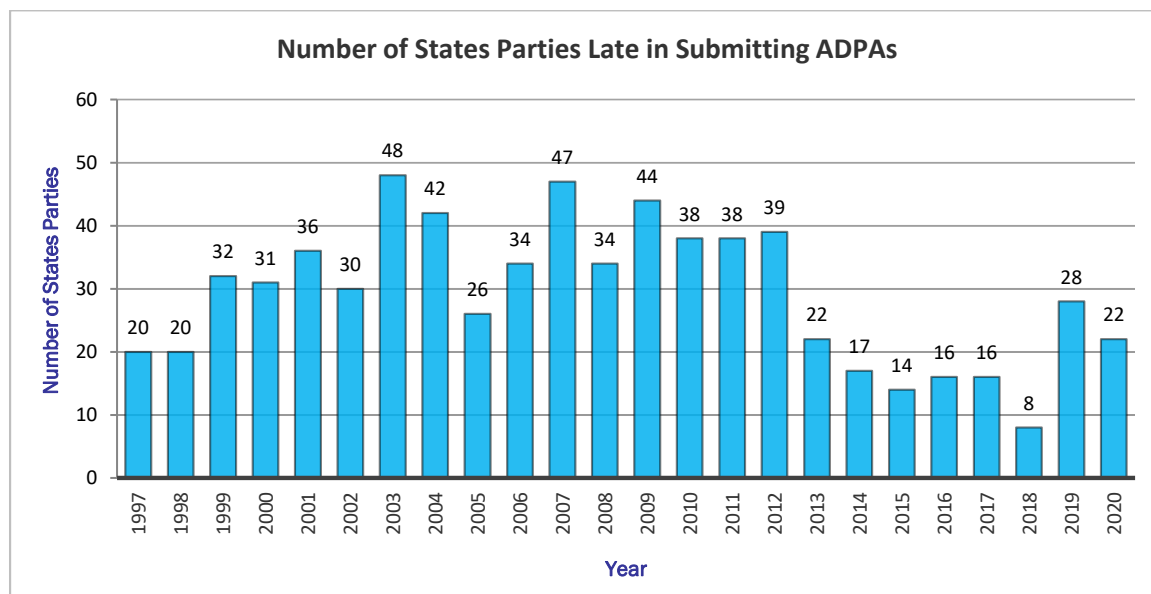


5.2 To highlight the importance of timely submissions and to offer advice and assistance, the Secretariat contacted those States Parties that had not submitted their annual declarations on time and from which, based on the previous declarations, the Secretariat would have expected submissions.

<sup>3</sup> The numbers and percentages of States Parties in this section do not include submissions of nil declarations.

5.3 As at 31 December 2021, 22 States Parties were late in submitting declarable activities for ADPA 2020. Eleven of these States Parties submitted their declarations within 30 days after the deadline, while another 11 submitted more than 30 days after the deadline. An overview of late submissions of ADPA 1997 to ADPA 2020 is given in Figure 2 below.

**FIGURE 2: OVERVIEW OF LATE SUBMISSIONS OF ADPA 1997 - 2020**

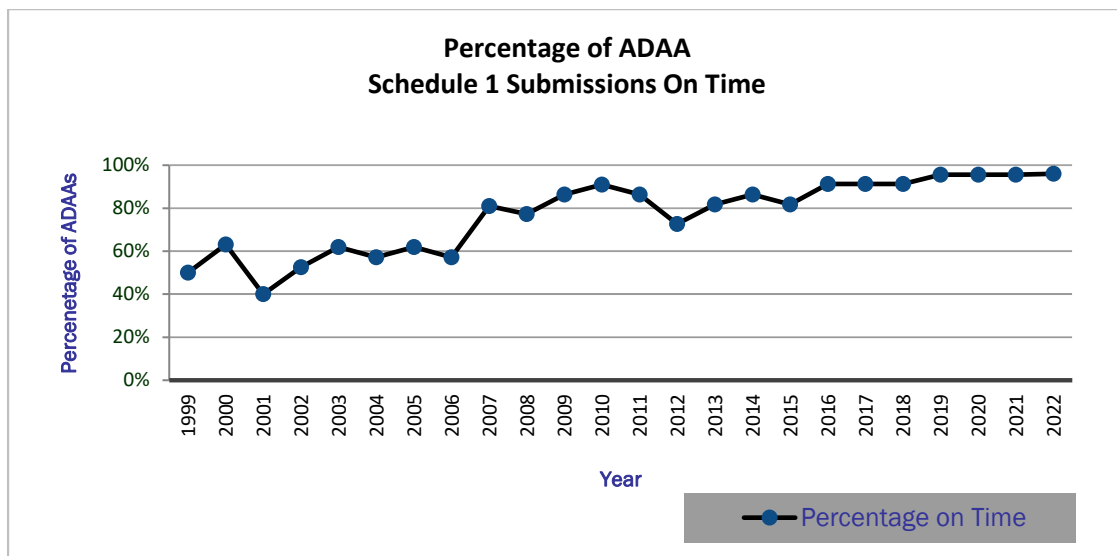
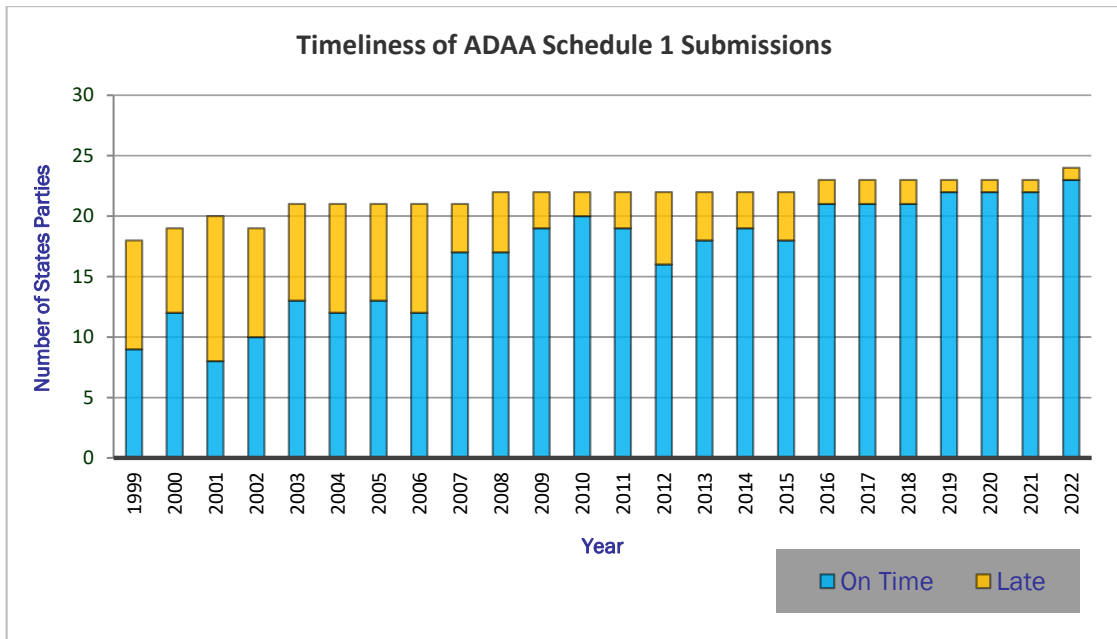


5.4 For ADAA 2022 for Schedule 1 facilities, 23 States Parties submitted their declarations on time, compared to 22 States Parties for ADAA 2021. One State Party had not yet submitted its ADAA 2022.

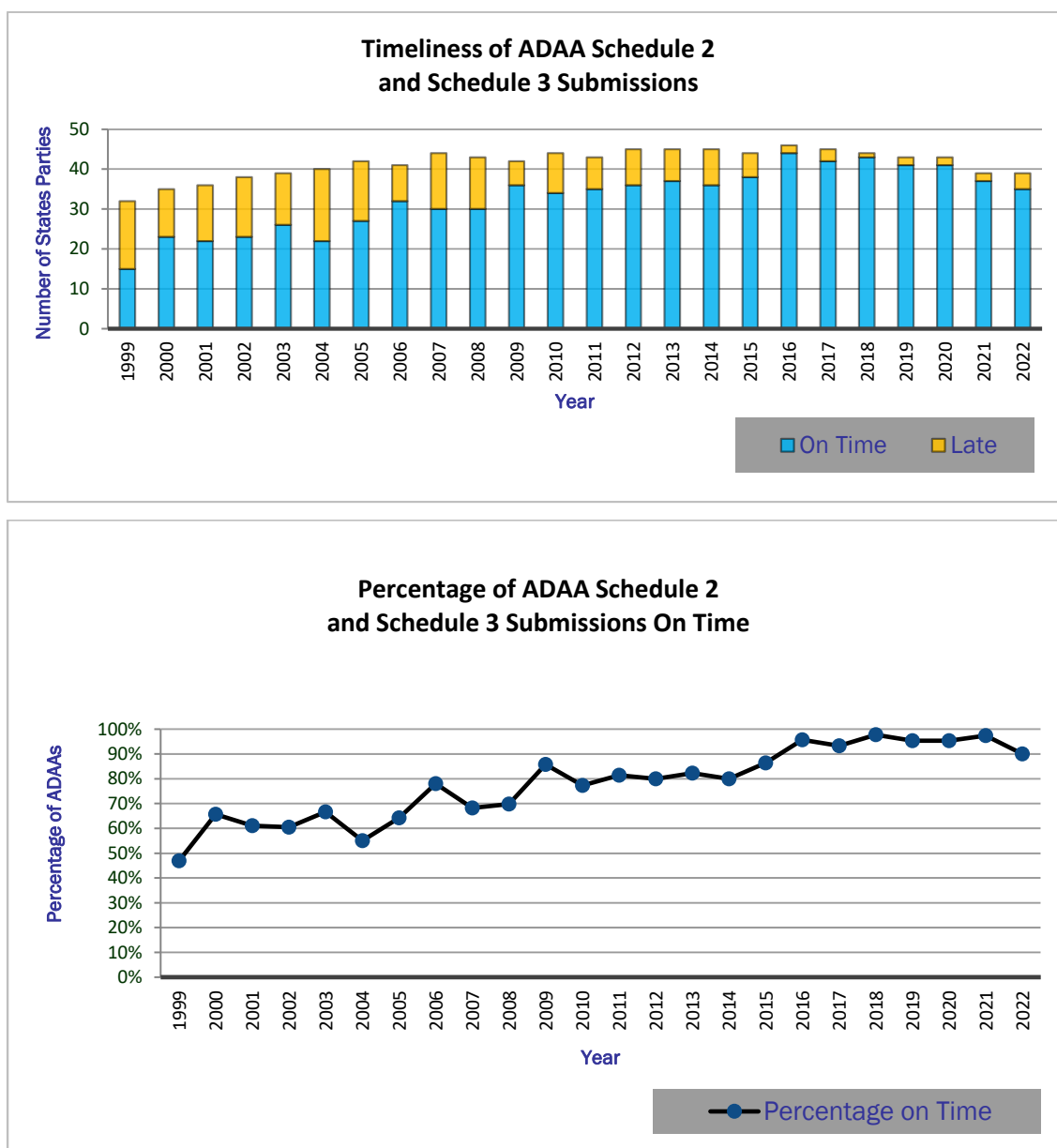
5.5 Regarding ADAA 2022 for Schedule 2 and 3 plant site declarations, 35 States Parties submitted their declarations on time, compared to 37 States Parties for ADAA 2021. Four States Parties submitted their ADAA 2022 after the deadline.

5.6 A timeline of ADAA submissions from 1999 to 2022 is shown below in Figure 3 (for Schedule 1 facilities) and in Figure 4 (for Schedule 2 and Schedule 3 plant sites).

**FIGURE 3: OVERVIEW OF SUBMISSIONS OF ADAA FOR SCHEDULE 1 FACILITIES – ADAA 1999 – 2022**



**FIGURE 4: OVERVIEW OF SUBMISSIONS OF ADAA FOR SCHEDULE 2 AND SCHEDULE 3 PLANT SITES – ADAA 1999 – 2022**



Annexes:

- Annex 1: Timely Submissions of Annual Declarations on Past Activities for 2020 (as at 31 March 2021)
- Annex 2: Additional Submissions of Annual Declarations on Past Activities for 2020 (as at 31 December 2021)
- Annex 3: Timely Submissions of Annual Declarations on Anticipated Activities for 2022 (as at 2 October 2021 for Schedule 1 Facilities and 1 November 2021 for Schedule 2 and 3 Plant Sites)
- Annex 4: Additional Submissions of Annual Declarations on Anticipated Activities for 2022 (as at 31 December 2021)

Annex 1

**TIMELY SUBMISSIONS OF ANNUAL DECLARATIONS ON PAST ACTIVITIES FOR 2020  
(AS AT 31 MARCH 2021)<sup>4</sup>**

\* An asterisk denotes the submission of a nil declaration.

	State Party	Schedule 1 Facilities	Schedule 1 Transfers	Schedule 2 Plant Sites	Schedule 2 AND <sup>5</sup>	Schedule 3 Plant Sites	Schedule 3 AND	OCPF <sup>6</sup> Update
1.	Algeria						29-Mar-21	29-Mar-21
2.	Andorra*	09-Feb-21*	09-Feb-21*	09-Feb-21*	09-Feb-21*	09-Feb-21*	09-Feb-21*	09-Feb-21*
3.	Argentina			30-Mar-21	30-Mar-21	30-Mar-21	30-Mar-21	30-Mar-21
4.	Armenia*	26-Mar-21*	26-Mar-21*	26-Mar-21*	26-Mar-21*	26-Mar-21*	26-Mar-21*	26-Mar-21*
5.	Australia	29-Mar-21		29-Mar-21	29-Mar-21	29-Mar-21	29-Mar-21	29-Mar-21
6.	Austria			29-Mar-21	29-Mar-21		29-Mar-21	29-Mar-21
7.	Bahamas*	31-Mar-21*	31-Mar-21*	31-Mar-21*	31-Mar-21*	31-Mar-21*	31-Mar-21*	
8.	Bahrain						29-Mar-21	
9.	Belgium	31-Mar-21	31-Mar-21	31-Mar-21	31-Mar-21	31-Mar-21	31-Mar-21	31-Mar-21
10.	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)						26-Mar-21	
11.	Bosnia and Herzegovina							15-Mar-21
12.	Brazil			29-Mar-21	29-Mar-21	29-Mar-21	29-Mar-21	29-Mar-21
13.	Bulgaria			31-Mar-21	31-Mar-21	31-Mar-21	31-Mar-21	31-Mar-21
14.	Burkina Faso*	30-Mar-21*	30-Mar-21*	30-Mar-21*	30-Mar-21*	30-Mar-21*	30-Mar-21*	30-Mar-21*
15.	Canada	24-Mar-21	24-Mar-21	24-Mar-21	24-Mar-21		24-Mar-21	24-Mar-21
16.	Chile						30-Mar-21	30-Mar-21
17.	China	25-Mar-21		25-Mar-21	25-Mar-21	25-Mar-21	25-Mar-21	25-Mar-21
18.	Costa Rica						30-Mar-21	30-Mar-21
19.	Croatia		15-Mar-21				15-Mar-21	15-Mar-21

<sup>4</sup> States Parties that submitted ADPA 2020 by the deadline.

<sup>5</sup> AND = aggregate national data.

<sup>6</sup> OCPF = other chemical production facility.





	<b>State Party</b>	<b>Schedule 1 Facilities</b>	<b>Schedule 1 Transfers</b>	<b>Schedule 2 Plant Sites</b>	<b>Schedule 2 AND<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>Schedule 3 Plant Sites</b>	<b>Schedule 3 AND</b>	<b>OCPF<sup>6</sup> Update</b>
49.	Nicaragua*	16-Mar-21*	16-Mar-21*	16-Mar-21*	16-Mar-21*	16-Mar-21*	16-Mar-21*	
50.	Nigeria						30-Mar-21	
51.	Norway	25-Mar-21	25-Mar-21	25-Mar-21	25-Mar-21		25-Mar-21	25-Mar-21
52.	Oman						24-Mar-21	24-Mar-21
53.	Pakistan	29-Mar-21					29-Mar-21	29-Mar-21
54.	Peru	30-Mar-21*	30-Mar-21*	30-Mar-21*	30-Mar-21*		30-Mar-21	30-Mar-21
55.	Philippines			31-Mar-21	31-Mar-21	31-Mar-21	31-Mar-21	
56.	Poland			23-Mar-21	23-Mar-21	23-Mar-21	23-Mar-21	23-Mar-21
57.	Republic of Korea	26-Feb-21		25-Mar-21	25-Mar-21	25-Mar-21	25-Mar-21	25-Mar-21
58.	Romania			18-Mar-21*	18-Mar-21*	18-Mar-21*	18-Mar-21	18-Mar-21
59.	Saudi Arabia					11-Mar-21	11-Mar-21	11-Mar-21
60.	Singapore	19-Mar-21					19-Mar-21	19-Mar-21
61.	Slovakia	01-Mar-21		12-Mar-21	12-Mar-21	12-Mar-21	12-Mar-21	12-Mar-21
62.	Slovenia			23-Mar-21	23-Mar-21		23-Mar-21	23-Mar-21
63.	South Africa	26-Mar-21			26-Mar-21	26-Mar-21	26-Mar-21	26-Mar-21
64.	Spain	22-Mar-21		22-Mar-21	22-Mar-21	22-Mar-21	22-Mar-21	22-Mar-21
65.	Sri Lanka						29-Mar-21	
66.	Sudan*	15-Mar-21*	15-Mar-21*	15-Mar-21*	15-Mar-21*	15-Mar-21*	15-Mar-21*	15-Mar-21*
67.	Sweden	18-Mar-21	18-Mar-21	18-Mar-21	18-Mar-21	18-Mar-21	18-Mar-21	18-Mar-21
68.	Switzerland	17-Mar-21	17-Mar-21	17-Mar-21	17-Mar-21	17-Mar-21	17-Mar-21	17-Mar-21
69.	Thailand				30-Mar-21	30-Mar-21	30-Mar-21	30-Mar-21
70.	United Arab Emirates						31-Mar-21	31-Mar-21
71.	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	24-Feb-21		24-Feb-21	24-Feb-21	24-Feb-21	24-Feb-21	24-Feb-21
72.	United States of America	30-Mar-21		30-Mar-21	30-Mar-21	30-Mar-21	30-Mar-21	30-Mar-21
73.	Uruguay						30-Mar-21	30-Mar-21
74.	Uzbekistan					15-Feb-21	15-Feb-21	15-Feb-21
75.	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)				29-Mar-21		29-Mar-21	29-Mar-21

## Annex 2

**ADDITIONAL SUBMISSIONS OF ANNUAL DECLARATIONS ON PAST ACTIVITIES FOR 2020  
(AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021)<sup>7</sup>**

\* An asterisk denotes the submission of a nil declaration

	State Party	Schedule 1 Facilities	Schedule 1 Transfers	Schedule 2 Plant Sites	Schedule 2 AND	Schedule 3 Plant Sites	Schedule 3 AND	OCPF Update
1.	Azerbaijan						11-Jun-21	11-Jun-21
2.	Bangladesh						29-Apr-21	29-Apr-21
3.	Belarus					09-Apr-21	09-Apr-21	09-Apr-21
4.	Colombia				05-May-21		05-May-21	05-May-21
5.	Ecuador				24-Aug-21		24-Aug-21	24-Aug-21
6.	Greece						01-Apr-21	01-Apr-21
7.	Guatemala							08-Sep-21
8.	Indonesia				20-Apr-21		20-Apr-21	20-Apr-21
9.	Iraq						12-Apr-21	12-Apr-21
10.	Kuwait						04-May-21	04-May-21
11.	Lao People's Democratic Republic					22-Apr-21	22-Apr-21	
12.	Malta*			24-Jun-21*	24-Jun-21*	24-Jun-21*	24-Jun-21*	24-Jun-21*
13.	Mauritania			09-Jul-21				
14.	Myanmar						27-Aug-21	27-Aug-21
15.	Portugal		16-Apr-21		16-Apr-21	16-Apr-21	16-Apr-21	16-Apr-21
16.	Qatar						01-Apr-21	01-Apr-21
17.	Russian Federation			16-Apr-21	16-Apr-21	16-Apr-21	16-Apr-21	16-Apr-21
18.	Serbia	14-Apr-21					14-Apr-21	14-Apr-21
19.	Syrian Arab Republic						09-Dec-21	
20.	Trinidad and Tobago							25-Oct-21
21.	Tunisia*	07-Apr-21*	07-Apr-21*	07-Apr-21*	07-Apr-21*	07-Apr-21*	07-Apr-21*	07-Apr-21*

<sup>7</sup> States Parties that submitted ADPA 2020 after the deadline.

	<b>State Party</b>	<b>Schedule 1 Facilities</b>	<b>Schedule 1 Transfers</b>	<b>Schedule 2 Plant Sites</b>	<b>Schedule 2 AND</b>	<b>Schedule 3 Plant Sites</b>	<b>Schedule 3 AND</b>	<b>Schedule 3 Update</b>	<b>OCPF Update</b>
22.	Turkey			21-May-21	21-May-21	21-May-21	21-May-21	21-May-21	21-May-21
23.	Ukraine			26-May-21	26-May-21		26-May-21	26-May-21	26-May-21
24.	Viet Nam						06-Apr-21	06-Apr-21	06-Apr-21

## Annex 3

**TIMELY SUBMISSIONS OF ANNUAL DECLARATIONS ON ANTICIPATED  
ACTIVITIES FOR 2022(AS AT 2 OCTOBER 2021 FOR SCHEDULE 1 FACILITIES  
AND 1 NOVEMBER 2021 FOR SCHEDULE 2 AND 3 PLANT SITES)<sup>8</sup>**

\* An asterisk denotes the submission of a nil declaration

	<b>State Party</b>	<b>Schedule 1 Facilities</b>	<b>Schedule 2 Plant Sites</b>	<b>Schedule 3 Plant Sites</b>
1.	Algeria*		29-Sep-21*	29-Sep-21*
2.	Andorra*	22-Sep-21*	22-Sep-21*	22-Sep-21*
3.	Argentina		20-Oct-21	20-Oct-21
4.	Australia	16-Sep-21	27-Oct-21	27-Oct-21
5.	Austria	01-Oct-21	22-Oct-21	
6.	Belgium	01-Oct-21	28-Oct-21	28-Oct-21
7.	Brazil		26-Aug-21	26-Aug-21
8.	Bulgaria		20-Oct-21	
9.	Canada	01-Oct-21	01-Oct-21	
10.	China	30-Sep-21	28-Oct-21	28-Oct-21
11.	Czech Republic	23-Sep-21	19-Oct-21	19-Oct-21
12.	Denmark		01-Nov-21	
13.	Finland	20-Sep-21		
14.	France	22-Sep-21	27-Oct-21	27-Oct-21
15.	Georgia			11-Oct-21
16.	Germany		26-Oct-21	26-Oct-21
17.	India	23-Sep-21	21-Sep-21	21-Sep-21
18.	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	29-Sep-21	29-Sep-21	29-Sep-21
19.	Italy		15-Oct-21	15-Oct-21
20.	Japan	01-Oct-21	28-Oct-21	28-Oct-21
21.	Latvia*		26-Oct-21*	26-Oct-21*
22.	Malaysia			06-Aug-21
23.	Mexico		01-Oct-21	01-Oct-21
24.	Netherlands	01-Oct-21	01-Oct-21	01-Oct-21
25.	Norway	01-Oct-21	01-Oct-21	01-Oct-21*
26.	Pakistan	27-Sep-21		
27.	Poland		01-Nov-21	01-Nov-21
28.	Portugal			29-Oct-21
29.	Republic of Korea	23-Sep-21	28-Oct-21	28-Oct-21
30.	Russian Federation		12-Oct-21	12-Oct-21
31.	Saudi Arabia			26-Oct-21
32.	Serbia*		01-Nov-21*	01-Nov-21*
33.	Singapore	09-Sep-21	08-Oct-21*	08-Oct-21*
34.	Slovakia	30-Sep-21	30-Sep-21*	30-Sep-21*
35.	Slovenia		29-Oct-21	
36.	South Africa	29-Sep-21		29-Sep-21

	<b>State Party</b>	<b>Schedule 1 Facilities</b>	<b>Schedule 2 Plant Sites</b>	<b>Schedule 3 Plant Sites</b>
37.	Spain	20-Sep-21	29-Oct-21	29-Oct-21
38.	Sweden	21-Sep-21	13-Oct-21	13-Oct-21
39.	Switzerland	01-Sep-21	11-Oct-21	11-Oct-21
40.	Thailand			25-Oct-21
41.	Turkey		27-Oct-21	27-Oct-21
42.	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	02-Sep-21	05-Oct-21	05-Oct-21
43.	United States of America	24-Sep-21	28-Oct-21	28-Oct-21

**Annex 4**

**ADDITIONAL SUBMISSIONS OF ANNUAL DECLARATIONS ON  
ANTICIPATED ACTIVITIES FOR 2022 (AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021)<sup>9</sup>**

\* An asterisk denotes the submission of a nil declaration

	<b>State Party</b>	<b>Schedule 1 Facilities</b>	<b>Schedule 2 Plant Sites</b>	<b>Schedule 3 Plant Sites</b>
1.	Belarus			10-Dec-21
2.	Hungary			02-Nov-21
3.	Ireland		23-Nov-21	
4.	Morocco*	23-Dec-21*	23-Dec-21*	23-Dec-21*
5.	Qatar*		19-Nov-21*	19-Nov-21*
6.	Uzbekistan			05-Nov-21

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<sup>9</sup> States Parties that submitted ADAA 2022 after the deadline.