

**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 1 JANUARY TO 31 MAY 2022****1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 This Note, which is being submitted to the Executive Council (hereinafter “the Council”) for consideration at its 100th 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 1 January to 31 May 2022.
- 1.2 In response to Council decision EC-51/DEC.1, which requests all States Parties to meet their obligations regarding annual declarations in a timely manner, the Secretariat further sent a note verbale to all States Parties (NV/VER/DEB-17/22, dated 4 February 2022) reminding them of the requirements of the decision and of the deadline for submission of annual declarations on past activities (ADPAs) for 2021.
- 1.3 In the decision, the Council also requested the Secretariat “to make its requirements known at regional meetings and at any other venues that the Secretariat deems effective”. The Secretariat continues to highlight the importance of timely submissions of declarations by the States Parties during all events organised for National Authorities where declaration obligations are on the agenda.

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

During the reporting period, the Secretariat did not receive any initial declarations. As at 31 May 2022, only one State Party, Tonga, had yet to submit its initial declaration under Article VI of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”). 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 2021 was 31 March 2022. As at that date, the Secretariat had received ADPA 2021 from 67 States Parties with declarable activities in 2021. In addition, 12 States Parties informed the Secretariat that they had



no declarable activities (“nil” declarations).<sup>1</sup> After 31 March 2022, an additional nine States Parties submitted information on declarable facilities or activities and one State Party submitted a nil declaration for ADPA 2021, in accordance with the Verification Annex to the Convention.

- 3.2 In summary, between 1 January and 31 May 2022, a total of 76 States Parties had submitted declarations on declarable activities for 2021; this excludes those 13 States Parties that submitted nil declarations. Of the 76 States Parties, 67 (88.2%) were on time in submitting at least part of their declaration. The status of submissions of ADPA 2021 is detailed in Annexes 1 and 2 to this report.
- 3.3 The deadlines for the submission of annual declarations on anticipated activities for 2022 were 2 October 2021 (for Schedule 1 facilities) and 1 November 2021 (for Schedule 2 and 3 plant sites). Since the Ninety-Ninth Session of the Council, there has been no change in the number of States Parties that have declared activities and facilities for 2022.
- 3.4 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 the submission of ADPA 2021, Cambodia and Denmark had submitted such information. By 31 May 2022, both States Parties had yet to submit their ADPA 2021.

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

- 4.1 The Secretariat stands ready to offer the States Parties advice and assistance where needed regarding the submission of their annual declarations. In the past, the Secretariat has provided customised support, through bilateral consultations with National Authorities, to those States Parties which encountered difficulties in identifying declarable activities, collecting data for declaration, and preparing and submitting their annual declarations. The Secretariat continues to work with concerned States Parties towards the submission of complete and accurate annual declarations on time.
- 4.2 The Secretariat continues to support States Parties in using the new Secure Information Exchange System (SIX) for the exchange of confidential information, in particular declarations. Currently, there are 119 active users of SIX from 60 States Parties. In 2022, the system was used by 38 States Parties for the submission of ADPA 2021. Further details and updates regarding the system are available in Note S/1989/2021 (dated 14 September 2021). The SIX project team is available for questions from States Parties and can be contacted via email ([six@opcw.org](mailto:six@opcw.org)).

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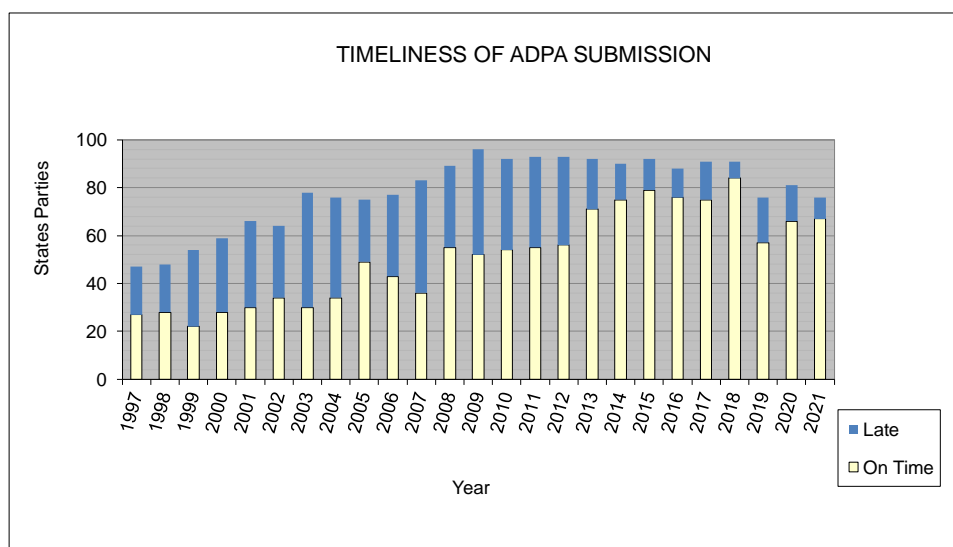
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Although the submission of nil declarations is not a requirement of the Convention, a number of States Parties choose to provide the Secretariat with such information voluntarily.

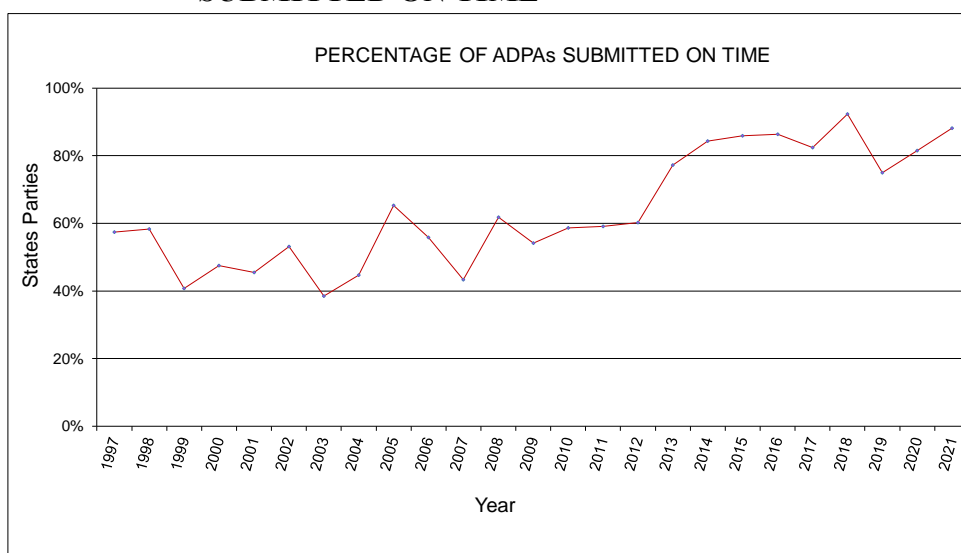
**5. ANALYSIS OF TRENDS IN THE TIMELINESS OF PAST ADPAs<sup>2,3</sup>**

5.1 The percentage of ADPA 2021 received on time has improved since 2020, following the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. However, the overall number of States Parties with declarable activities (as at 31 May 2022) has slightly decreased compared to previous year, namely, 76 compared to 81 for ADPA 2020. More statistics on ADPA submissions from 1997 to 2021 are shown in Figures 1 and 2 below.

**FIGURE 1: OVERVIEW OF SUBMISSIONS OF ADPA 1997 – 2021**



**FIGURE 2: OVERVIEW OF THE PERCENTAGE OF ADPA 1997 – 2021 SUBMITTED ON TIME**

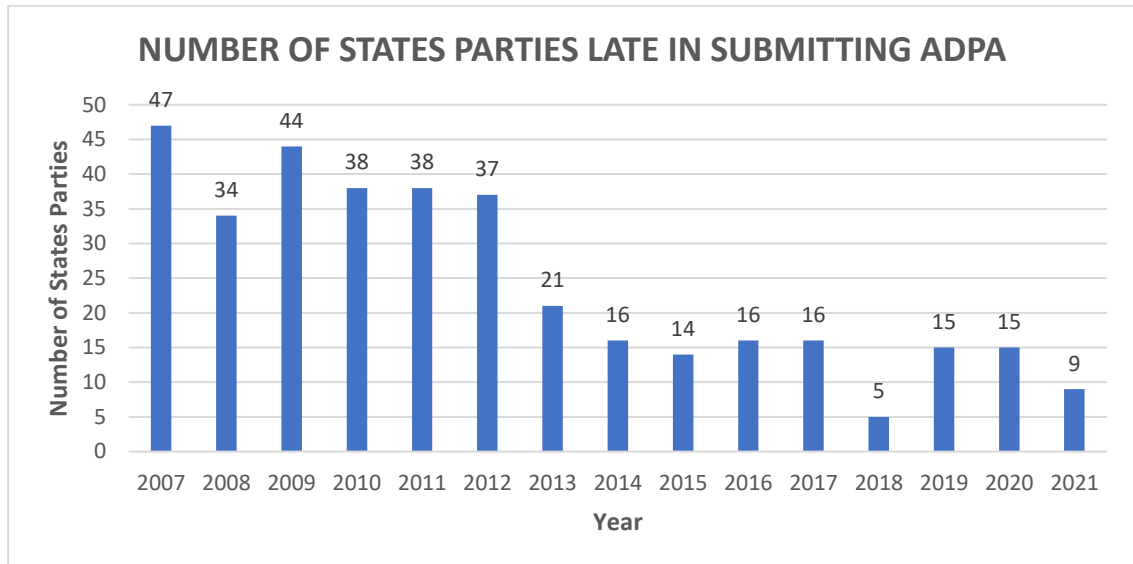


5.2 In order to highlight the importance of timely submissions, and for verification purposes, the Secretariat has also contacted 10 States Parties that had declarable activities in 2020 and did not submit their ADPA 2021, seeking clarification as to whether those activities remained declarable in 2021.

<sup>2</sup> The numbers and percentages of States Parties in this section do not include submissions of nil declarations.  
<sup>3</sup> For Figures 1 to 3, the cut-off date for submissions is 31 May for each of the respective years.

5.3 As at 31 May 2022, nine States Parties were late in submitting declarable activities for ADPA 2021; eight of these States Parties submitted their declarations within 30 days of the deadline and one submitted its declaration more than 30 days after the deadline. An overview of late submissions of ADPA from 2007 to 2021 is provided in Figure 3 below.

**FIGURE 3: OVERVIEW OF LATE SUBMISSIONS OF ADPA 2007 - 2021**



Annexes:

Annex 1: Timely Submissions of Annual Declarations on Past Activities for 2021 (as at 31 March 2022)

Annex 2: Additional Submissions of Annual Declarations on Past Activities for 2021 (as at 31 May 2022)

## Annex 1

## TIMELY SUBMISSIONS OF ANNUAL DECLARATIONS ON PAST ACTIVITIES FOR 2021 (AS AT 31 MARCH 2022)

In the table below 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>4</sup>	Schedule 3 Plant Sites	Schedule 3 AND	OCPF <sup>5</sup> Update
1.	Algeria						30-Mar-22	30-Mar-22
2.	Andorra*	04-Feb-22*	04-Feb-22*	04-Feb-22*	04-Feb-22*	04-Feb-22*	04-Feb-22*	04-Feb-22*
3.	Argentina			31-Mar-22	31-Mar-22	31-Mar-22	31-Mar-22	31-Mar-22
4.	Armenia*	21-Mar-22*	21-Mar-22*	21-Mar-22*	21-Mar-22*	21-Mar-22*	21-Mar-22*	21-Mar-22*
5.	Australia	21-Mar-22		21-Mar-22	21-Mar-22	21-Mar-22	21-Mar-22	21-Mar-22
6.	Austria	30-Mar-22		30-Mar-22	30-Mar-22		30-Mar-22	30-Mar-22
7.	Bahamas*	31-Mar-22*	31-Mar-22*	31-Mar-22*	31-Mar-22*	31-Mar-22*	31-Mar-22*	31-Mar-22*
8.	Bangladesh						27-Mar-22	27-Mar-22
9.	Belarus					30-Mar-22	30-Mar-22	30-Mar-22
10.	Belgium	23-Feb-22	23-Feb-22	30-Mar-22	30-Mar-22	30-Mar-22	30-Mar-22	30-Mar-22
11.	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)						31-Mar-22	
12.	Bosnia and Herzegovina							25-Mar-22
13.	Brazil			16-Mar-22	16-Mar-22	16-Mar-22	16-Mar-22	16-Mar-22
14.	Bulgaria			29-Mar-22	29-Mar-22		29-Mar-22	29-Mar-22
15.	Burkina Faso*	31-Mar-22*	31-Mar-22*	31-Mar-22*	31-Mar-22*	31-Mar-22*	31-Mar-22*	31-Mar-22*
16.	Canada	30-Mar-22	30-Mar-22	30-Mar-22	30-Mar-22	30-Mar-22*	30-Mar-22	30-Mar-22
17.	Chile						28-Mar-22	28-Mar-22
18.	China	30-Mar-22		30-Mar-22	30-Mar-22	30-Mar-22	30-Mar-22	30-Mar-22
19.	Costa Rica						29-Mar-22	29-Mar-22

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AND = aggregate national data.

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OCPF = other chemical production facility.

	State Party	Schedule 1 Facilities	Schedule 1 Transfers	Schedule 2 Plant Sites	Schedule 2 AND <sup>4</sup>	Schedule 3 Plant Sites	Schedule 3 AND	OCPF <sup>5</sup> Update
20.	Croatia						08-Mar-22	08-Mar-22
21.	Czech Republic	23-Mar-22		23-Mar-22	23-Mar-22	23-Mar-22	23-Mar-22	23-Mar-22
22.	El Salvador						14-Mar-22	
23.	Estonia							14-Mar-22
24.	Ethiopia						24-Mar-22	24-Mar-22
25.	Finland	10-Mar-22	11-May-22 <sup>6</sup>	10-Mar-22	10-Mar-22		10-Mar-22	10-Mar-22
26.	France	07-Mar-22	30-Mar-22	30-Mar-22	30-Mar-22	30-Mar-22	30-Mar-22	30-Mar-22
27.	Georgia					16-Mar-22	16-Mar-22	16-Mar-22
28.	Germany		22-Mar-22	22-Mar-22	22-Mar-22	22-Mar-22	22-Mar-22	22-Mar-22
29.	Greece						31-Mar-22	31-Mar-22
30.	Hungary				30-Mar-22	30-Mar-22	30-Mar-22	30-Mar-22
31.	India	07-Feb-22		23-Mar-22	07-Feb-22	23-Mar-22	07-Feb-22	23-Mar-22
32.	Indonesia						31-Mar-22	31-Mar-22
33.	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	23-Mar-22		23-Mar-22		23-Mar-22	23-Mar-22	23-Mar-22
34.	Italy			25-Mar-22	25-Mar-22	25-Mar-22	25-Mar-22	25-Mar-22
35.	Japan	25-Mar-22		25-Mar-22	25-Mar-22	25-Mar-22	25-Mar-22	25-Mar-22
36.	Kenya						29-Mar-22	29-Mar-22
37.	Latvia			17-Mar-22				17-Mar-22
38.	Lebanon <sup>*</sup>	31-Mar-22 <sup>*</sup>	31-Mar-22 <sup>*</sup>	31-Mar-22 <sup>*</sup>	31-Mar-22 <sup>*</sup>	31-Mar-22 <sup>*</sup>	31-Mar-22 <sup>*</sup>	31-Mar-22 <sup>*</sup>
39.	Liechtenstein <sup>*</sup>	07-Mar-22 <sup>*</sup>	07-Mar-22 <sup>*</sup>	07-Mar-22 <sup>*</sup>	07-Mar-22 <sup>*</sup>	07-Mar-22 <sup>*</sup>	07-Mar-22 <sup>*</sup>	07-Mar-22 <sup>*</sup>
40.	Malaysia				31-Mar-22	31-Mar-22	31-Mar-22	31-Mar-22
41.	Maldives <sup>*</sup>	30-Mar-22 <sup>*</sup>	30-Mar-22 <sup>*</sup>	30-Mar-22 <sup>*</sup>	30-Mar-22 <sup>*</sup>	30-Mar-22 <sup>*</sup>	30-Mar-22 <sup>*</sup>	30-Mar-22 <sup>*</sup>
42.	Malta						28-Mar-22	
43.	Mauritania <sup>*</sup>	10-Feb-22 <sup>*</sup>		10-Feb-22 <sup>*</sup>	10-Feb-22 <sup>*</sup>	10-Feb-22 <sup>*</sup>	10-Feb-22 <sup>*</sup>	10-Feb-22 <sup>*</sup>



	State Party	Schedule 1 Facilities	Schedule 1 Transfers	Schedule 2 Plant Sites	Schedule 2 AND <sup>4</sup>	Schedule 3 Plant Sites	Schedule 3 AND	OCPF <sup>5</sup> Update
71.	Sweden	29-Mar-22	29-Mar-22	31-Mar-22	31-Mar-22	31-Mar-22	31-Mar-22	31-Mar-22
72.	Switzerland	11-Mar-22	11-Mar-22	11-Mar-22	11-Mar-22	11-Mar-22	11-Mar-22	11-Mar-22
73.	Thailand				24-Mar-22	24-Mar-22	24-Mar-22	24-Mar-22
74.	Türkiye			29-Mar-22	29-Mar-22	29-Mar-22	29-Mar-22	29-Mar-22
75.	United Arab Emirates						31-Mar-22	31-Mar-22
76.	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	04-Mar-22		04-Mar-22	04-Mar-22	04-Mar-22	04-Mar-22	04-Mar-22
77.	United States of America	24-Mar-22	24-Mar-22*	28-Mar-22	28-Mar-22	28-Mar-22	28-Mar-22	28-Mar-22
78.	Uruguay						30-Mar-22	30-Mar-22
79.	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)				25-Mar-22		25-Mar-22	25-Mar-22



Annex 2

**ADDITIONAL SUBMISSIONS OF ANNUAL DECLARATIONS ON PAST ACTIVITIES FOR 2021 (AS AT 31 MAY 2022)<sup>7</sup>**

In the table below an asterisk (\*) denotes the submission of a nil declaration.

	<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>
1.	Albania*	11-Apr-22*	11-Apr-22*	11-Apr-22*	11-Apr-22*	11-Apr-22*	11-Apr-22*	11-Apr-22*
2.	Colombia				08-Apr-22		08-Apr-22	08-Apr-22
3.	Cuba						10-May-22	10-May-22
4.	Dominican Republic						13-Apr-22	
5.	Iraq						29-Apr-22	29-Apr-22
6.	Ireland			07-Apr-22	07-Apr-22		07-Apr-22	07-Apr-22
7.	Kuwait						26-Apr-22	26-Apr-22
8.	Nigeria						01-Apr-22	
9.	Paraguay						21-Apr-22	
10.	Viet Nam				11-Apr-22		11-Apr-22	11-Apr-22

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<sup>7</sup> States Parties that submitted ADPA 2021 after the deadline and up to and including 31 May 2022.