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**REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL****STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE VII OF THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION AS AT 31 JULY 2022: ARTICLE VII – INITIAL MEASURES****Introduction**

1. In operative paragraph 1 of the decision on the follow-up to the plan of action regarding the implementation of obligations under Article VII of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”) (C-10/DEC.16, dated 11 November 2005), the Conference of the States Parties (hereinafter “the Conference”) stressed that it was imperative for States Parties that had yet to fulfil their obligations under Article VII to do so without delay.
2. The Third Review Conference<sup>1</sup> “[e]ncouraged the Secretariat to explore innovative methods of providing assistance on tailor-made approaches as a potential means to further advance the implementation of Article VII” (subparagraph 9.103(c) of RC-3/3\*, dated 19 April 2013). Furthermore, the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) was requested to “continue to submit its annual report on the implementation of Article VII to the Conference, and [...] to include an assessment in this report, for consideration by the policy-making organs, containing a comprehensive and objective analysis of the current status of national implementation, with a view to tracking the progress made and formulation of focused assistance programmes” (subparagraph 9.103(h) of RC-3/3\*).
3. Pursuant to the request received from the Third Review Conference, and in close cooperation with States Parties, the Secretariat has updated the two matrices included in the annual reports—the one addressing the initial measures taken by States Parties in accordance with Article VII and the second listing additional measures—and is presenting them in two concurrent reports, as invited by the Conference (paragraph 8 of C-14/DEC.12, dated 4 December 2009).

**Legislative and administrative implementation**

4. This document provides an update on the status and progress in adopting the initial measures that are necessary for all States Parties to implement in order to achieve the objectives set forth under the Convention.

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<sup>1</sup> Review Conference = Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention.



5. The information is based on the responses received from States Parties to the note verbale sent by the Secretariat on 9 March 2022 requesting them to provide updates on the status of implementation of Article VII and to fill in the matrices attached to the note verbale. As at the cut-off date of the current report, 105 States Parties had replied to the note verbale (Table 1).

**TABLE 1: STATES PARTIES THAT SUBMITTED RESPONSES TO THE SECRETARIAT**

1.	Albania	36.	Ethiopia	71.	Norway
2.	Algeria	37.	Finland	72.	Pakistan
3.	Antigua and Barbuda	38.	France	73.	Panama
4.	Argentina	39.	Georgia	74.	Paraguay
5.	Armenia	40.	Germany	75.	Peru
6.	Australia	41.	Greece	76.	Philippines
7.	Austria	42.	Guatemala	77.	Poland
8.	Bahamas	43.	Holy See	78.	Portugal
9.	Bangladesh	44.	Honduras	79.	Qatar
10.	Barbados	45.	Hungary	80.	Republic of Korea
11.	Belarus	46.	Iceland	81.	Romania
12.	Belgium	47.	India	82.	Russian Federation
13.	Bhutan	48.	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	83.	Saint Kitts and Nevis
14.	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	49.	Ireland	84.	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
15.	Bosnia and Herzegovina	50.	Italy	85.	Saudi Arabia
16.	Botswana	51.	Japan	86.	Senegal
17.	Brazil	52.	Kazakhstan	87.	Serbia
18.	Bulgaria	53.	Kenya	88.	Seychelles
19.	Burkina Faso	54.	Kyrgyzstan	89.	Singapore
20.	Canada	55.	Latvia	90.	Slovakia
21.	Chad	56.	Liechtenstein	91.	Slovenia
22.	Chile	57.	Lithuania	92.	South Africa
23.	China	58.	Luxembourg	93.	Spain
24.	Colombia	59.	Malaysia	94.	Sri Lanka
25.	Costa Rica	60.	Maldives	95.	Sweden
26.	Côte d'Ivoire	61.	Mauritania	96.	Switzerland
27.	Croatia	62.	Mexico	97.	Tajikistan
28.	Cuba	63.	Montenegro	98.	Thailand
29.	Cyprus	64.	Morocco	99.	Togo
30.	Czech Republic	65.	Myanmar	100.	Türkiye
31.	Democratic Republic of the Congo	66.	Netherlands	101.	Ukraine
32.	Denmark	67.	New Zealand	102.	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
33.	Dominican Republic	68.	Nicaragua	103.	United States of America
34.	El Salvador	69.	Niger	104.	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
35.	Estonia	70.	Nigeria	105.	Viet Nam

6. The global status, as at 31 July 2022, of the relevant elements of legislative and administrative implementation is reflected in the tables below.

**TABLE 2: OVERVIEW OF THE LEGISLATIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION**

Article VII(5) submission received	172 (89%)
Legislation covers initial measures	122 (63%) in full 36 (19%) in part
Legislation covers additional measures	103 (53%)
Text of adopted measures provided	154 (80%)

**TABLE 3: STATUS OF ELEMENTS OF LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLEMENTATION UNDER THE PURVIEW OF THE PRESENT REPORT (AS AT 31 JULY 2022)**

Indicators		Number and Percentage of States Parties Having Implemented the Measure
<b>Definitions</b>		
Chemical Weapons		139 (72%) in full 6 (3%) in part
Toxic Chemical		134 (68%) in full 7 (4%) in part
Precursor		130 (68%) in full 6 (3%) in part
Purposes Not Prohibited		131 (68%) in full 5 (3%) in part
<b>Scheduled Chemicals Regime</b>		
Reporting on Transfers	Schedule 1	129 (67%) in full 8 (4%) in part
	Schedule 2	126 (65%) in full 11 (6%) in part
	Schedule 3	127 (66%) in full 10 (5%) in part
<b>Prohibitions and Penalties</b>		
Prohibitions	Chemical Weapons	146 (76%) in full 7 (4%) in part
	Scheduled Chemicals	131 (68%) in full 12 (6%) in part
Penalties	Chemical Weapons	143 (74%) in full 8 (4%) in part
	Scheduled Chemicals	130 (67%) in full 13 (7%) in part

Indicators	Number and Percentage of States Parties Having Implemented the Measure
<b>Other Initial Measures</b>	
Extraterritoriality	126 (65%)
Legal basis for regulations	130 (67%) in full 3 (2%) in part
Establishment/Designation of National Authority	192 (99%)

**TABLE 4: EXPLANATION OF COLUMN HEADINGS IN THE TABLES CONTAINED IN THE ANNEX TO THIS REPORT**

Column Heading	Explanation
<b>Definitions</b>	
Chemical Weapons	Indicates that the legislation of the State Party in question contains a definition of chemical weapons that fully reflects the meaning of <i>chemical weapons</i> as defined by paragraph 1 of Article II of the Convention.
Toxic Chemical	Indicates that the legislation of the State Party in question contains a definition of toxic chemical that fully reflects the meaning of <i>toxic chemical</i> as defined by paragraph 2 of Article II of the Convention.
Precursor	Indicates that the legislation of the State Party in question contains a definition of precursor that fully reflects the meaning of <i>precursor</i> as defined by paragraph 3 of Article II of the Convention.
Purposes Not Prohibited	Indicates that the legislation of the State Party in question contains a definition of purposes not prohibited that fully reflects the meaning of <i>purposes not prohibited</i> under the Convention as defined by paragraph 9 of Article II of the Convention.
<b>Scheduled Chemicals Regime</b>	
Reporting on Transfers	Schedule 1 “X” indicates that the national legislation ensures that the State Party is in a position to fulfil the prior reporting requirements concerning transfers of Schedule 1 chemicals (see paragraphs 5 and 5bis. of Part VI of the Verification Annex to the Convention (hereinafter “the Verification Annex”)) and to provide all information that is to be included in the declaration required by paragraph 6 of Part VI of the Verification Annex and that a sanction is applicable in the event of non-compliance by natural and legal persons.
	Schedule 2 “X” indicates that the national legislation ensures that the State Party is in a position to provide all transfer-related information that is to be included in annual declarations required by paragraph 1 and 2 of Part VII of the Verification Annex and that a sanction is applicable in the event of non-compliance by natural and legal persons.

Column Heading		Explanation
	Schedule 3	“X” indicates that the national legislation ensures that the State Party is in a position to provide all transfer-related information that is to be included in declarations pursuant to paragraph 1 of Part VIII of the Verification Annex and that a sanction is applicable in the event of non-compliance by natural and legal persons.
<b>Prohibitions and Penalties</b>		
		<b>Chemical Weapons</b>
		<b>Scheduled Chemicals</b>
Prohibition		<p>“X” indicates that the activities prohibited to States Parties under paragraph 1 of Article I of the Convention are prohibited by that State Party to natural and legal persons in accordance with subparagraph 1(a) of Article VII.</p>
		<p>“X” indicates that the activities prohibited to States Parties under:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- paragraphs 1, 2, 3, and 4 of Part VI of the Verification Annex (Schedule 1-related);</li> <li>- paragraph 31 of Part VII of the Verification Annex (Schedule 2-related);<sup>2</sup></li> <li>- paragraph 26 of Part VIII of the Verification Annex (i.e., the export of Schedule 3 chemicals to States not Party without appropriate assurance that they will only be used for purposes not prohibited under the Convention);<sup>3</sup> are prohibited by that State Party to natural and legal persons in accordance with subparagraph 1(a) of Article VII.</li> </ul>
Penalties		<p>“X” indicates that penal sanctions are applicable in the event of violation of the above prohibitions.</p>
		<p>“X” indicates that penal sanctions are applicable in the event of violation of the above prohibitions.</p>
<b>Other Initial Measures</b>		
Extraterritoriality		“X” indicates that the State Party has extended its penal legislation enacted to implement the prohibitions of the Convention to any activity undertaken anywhere by natural persons possessing its nationality.
Legal Basis for Regulations		“X” indicates that legislation of the State Party contains provisions that enable the relevant ministries/governmental departments to issue measures to regulate the production, processing, and consumption of scheduled chemicals, and measures detailing the verification and confidentiality regimes.

<sup>2</sup> For exceptions, please refer to C-V/DEC.16, dated 17 May 2000.

<sup>3</sup> For exceptions, please refer to C-VI/DEC.10, dated 17 May 2001.

<b>Column Heading</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Establishment/Designation of National Authority	“X” indicates that a National Authority has been designated or established. It should be noted that some National Authorities have been designated on a purely interim basis.

Note: “(X)”, that is, X in brackets, for any of the above indicators means that the measure has been partially implemented.

Please note that the prohibition of certain activities can also be imposed by legal measures other than direct prohibitions. For example, when a licensing regime in a State Party ensures that no natural or legal person will be permitted to carry out an activity that is prohibited to States Parties under the Convention, then the column for the prohibition will be checked with the indication “X”.

Annex (English only):

Status of Implementation of Article VII – Initial Measures, by State Party as at 31 July 2022

Annex

STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE VII – INITIAL MEASURES, BY STATE PARTY AS AT 31 JULY 2022

	State Party	Definitions				Scheduled Chemicals Regime Reporting on Transfers			Prohibitions and Penalties		Other Initial Measures						
		Chemical Weapons	Toxic Chemical	Precursor	Purposes Not Prohibited	Schedule 1	Schedule 2	Schedule 3	Prohibitions		Chemical Weapons	Penalties	Extraterritoriality	Legal Basis for Regulations	Establishment/Designation of National Authority		
									Chemical Weapons	Scheduled Chemicals							
1.	Afghanistan															X	
2.	Albania	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3.	Algeria	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4.	Andorra	X	X	X	X												X
5.	Angola																X
6.	Antigua and Barbuda	X	X	X		X	X	X									X
7.	Argentina	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
8.	Armenia	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9.	Australia	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
10.	Austria	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
11.	Azerbaijan	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
12.	Bahamas																X
13.	Bahrain	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
14.	Bangladesh	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
15.	Barbados																X
16.	Belarus	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
17.	Belgium	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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		Chemical Weapons	Toxic Chemical	Precursor	Purposes Not Prohibited	Schedule 1	Schedule 2	Schedule 3	Chemical Weapons	Scheduled Chemicals	Chemical Weapons	Scheduled Chemicals	Extraterritoriality	Legal Basis for Regulations	Establishment/Designation of National Authority
18.	Belize	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
19.	Benin														X
20.	Bhutan	X	X	X	X										X
21.	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)								X						X
22.	Bosnia and Herzegovina	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
23.	Botswana	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
24.	Brazil	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
25.	Brunei Darussalam								X	X	X	X	X	X	X
26.	Bulgaria	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
27.	Burkina Faso	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
28.	Burundi	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
29.	Cabo Verde	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
30.	Cambodia	X	X	X	X	X	X	(X)	X	(X)	X	(X)	X	(X)	X
31.	Cameroon	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
32.	Canada	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
33.	Central African Republic	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
34.	Chad														X
35.	Chile	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
36.	China	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
37.	Colombia	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
38.	Comoros	X	X	X	X	X	X	(X)	X	(X)	X	X	X	X	X



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						Schedule 1	Schedule 2	Schedule 3	Chemical Weapons	Scheduled Chemicals	Scheduled Chemicals					
39.	Congo	X	X	X	X			X	X	X		X	(X)	X	(X)	X
40.	Cook Islands	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X		X	X	X
41.	Costa Rica	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X		X	X	X
42.	Côte d'Ivoire	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X		X	X	X
43.	Croatia	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X		X	X	X
44.	Cuba	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X		X	X	X
45.	Cyprus	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X		X	X	X
46.	Czech Republic	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X		X	X	X
47.	Democratic Republic of the Congo					(X)		(X)								X
48.	Denmark	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X		X	X	X
49.	Djibouti															X
50.	Dominica		X	X								X			X	X
51.	Dominican Republic							(X)								X
52.	Ecuador	(X)	X			(X)		(X)	X	(X)		(X)			(X)	X
53.	El Salvador							X	X			X		X		X
54.	Equatorial Guinea															X
55.	Eritrea															X
56.	Estonia	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X		X	X	X
57.	Eswatini															X
58.	Ethiopia	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X		X	X	X
59.	Fiji	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X		X	X	X





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102.	Malawi	X	X	X	X										X
103.	Malaysia	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						X	X
104.	Maldives	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)					(X)	(X)	(X)
105.	Mali	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					X	X	X
106.	Malta	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					X	X	X
107.	Marshall Islands														X
108.	Mauritania					X	X	X					(X)	(X)	X
109.	Mauritius	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					X	X	X
110.	Mexico	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					X	X	X
111.	Micronesia (Federated States of)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					X	X	X
112.	Monaco	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					X	X	X
113.	Mongolia		X			X	X	X					X	X	X
114.	Montenegro	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					X	X	X
115.	Morocco	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					X	X	X
116.	Mozambique														X
117.	Myanmar	X	X	X		X							(X)	(X)	X
118.	Namibia														X
119.	Nauru														X
120.	Nepal	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)									(X)	X
121.	Netherlands	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					X	X	X
122.	New Zealand	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					X	X	X







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184.	United Republic of Tanzania	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
185.	United States of America	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
186.	Uruguay	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
187.	Uzbekistan	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
188.	Vanuatu	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
189.	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	X	(X)	(X)	X	(X)	(X)	(X)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
190.	Viet Nam	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
191.	Yemen	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
192.	Zambia	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
193.	Zimbabwe	X				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X