

**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 2018****1. Introduction**

- 1.1 This Note, which is being submitted to the Executive Council (hereinafter “the Council”) for consideration at its Eighty-Eighth 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 May 2018.¹
- 1.2 In response to decision EC-51/DEC.1, which requests all States Parties to meet their obligations regarding annual declarations in a timely manner, the Secretariat sent a further note verbale to all States Parties (NV/VER/DEB/213686/18, dated 2 February 2018) reminding them of the requirements of the decision and of the deadline for submission of annual declarations on past activities (ADPA) for 2017.
- 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 an annual regional meeting of National Authorities in Eastern Europe and at a basic training course in The Hague for representatives of National Authorities. Furthermore, the Secretariat has held several bilateral meetings with Permanent Representatives and National Authorities to highlight the importance of the timely submission of declarations.

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Previous Notes on this topic are EC-53/DG.8, dated 5 June 2008; EC-55/DG.12, dated 5 February 2009; EC-57/DG.8, dated 11 June 2009 and Corr.1, dated 18 June 2009; EC-59/DG.8, dated 29 January 2010; EC-61/DG.11, dated 11 June 2010; EC-63/DG.5, dated 18 January 2011; EC-65/DG.8*, dated 27 June 2011; EC-67/DG.4, dated 19 January 2012; EC-69/DG.7, dated 18 June 2012 and Corr.1, dated 10 July 2012; EC-71/DG.7, dated 23 January 2013; EC-73/DG.6, dated 24 June 2013; EC-75/DG.1, dated 15 January 2014; EC-76/DG.10*, dated 11 June 2014; EC-78/DG.4, dated 12 January 2015; EC-79/DG.13, dated 11 June 2015; EC-81/DG.4, dated 14 January 2016; EC-82/DG.14, dated 13 June 2016; EC-84/DG.8, dated 17 January 2017; EC-85/DG.17, dated 16 June 2017; and EC-87/DG.8, dated 12 January 2018.



2. Submission of initial declarations under Article VI

During the reporting period, the Secretariat did not receive any initial declaration. As at 31 May 2018, 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 2017 was 31 March 2018. As at that date, the Secretariat had received ADPA 2017 from 79 States Parties, including four States Parties that notified the Secretariat that they had no declarable facilities or activities (“nil declarations”).² An additional 10 States Parties submitted information on declarable facilities or activities for ADPA 2017 after 31 March 2018, and three more States Parties notified the Secretariat that they had no declarable facilities or activities under the Verification Annex to the Convention (hereinafter “the Verification Annex”).

3.2 As at 31 May 2018, a total of 85 States Parties had submitted declarations for declarable facilities or activities for 2017. Of the 85 States Parties, 75 (88%) were on time in submitting at least part of their declaration. The current status of submissions of ADPA 2017 is detailed in Annexes 1 and 2 to this report.

3.3 The deadlines for the submission of annual declarations on anticipated activities (ADAA) for 2018 were 2 October 2017 (for Schedule 1 facilities) and 1 November 2017 (for Schedule 2 and 3 plant sites). Since the Eighty-Seventh Session of the Council, there has been no change in the number of States Parties that have declared activities and facilities for 2018.

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”. Of the 12 States Parties that submitted at least part of their ADPA after the deadline (excluding nil declarations), two States Parties submitted information to that effect. Both cited logistical difficulties as the reason for their late submissions. The remaining 10 States Parties did not inform the Secretariat.

4. Ongoing efforts to assist States Parties

4.1 The Secretariat has held bilateral meetings with representatives of States Parties that submitted their annual declarations late in the previous ADPA rounds, to offer advice and assistance where needed. Furthermore, the Secretariat has provided customised support to those States Parties that encountered difficulties in identifying declarable activities, collecting data for declaration, and preparing and submitting their annual declarations, through bilateral consultations with National Authorities and the training of National Authority personnel. The Secretariat continues to work with concerned

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Although the submission of nil declarations is not a requirement of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”), a number of States Parties choose to provide the Secretariat with such information voluntarily.

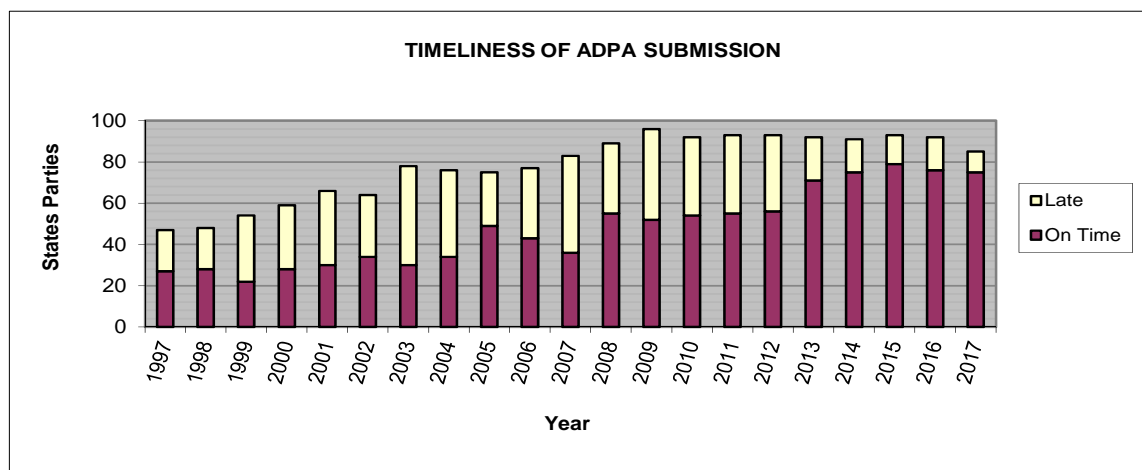
States Parties towards the submission of complete and accurate annual declarations on time.

- 4.2 The Secretariat continued to support States Parties in using the new Secure Information Exchange (SIX) system for the exchange of confidential information, in particular declarations. Currently, 98 users from 56 States Parties are registered for SIX. In 2018, the system was used by 40 States Parties for the submission of ADPA 2017. Further details and updates regarding the system are available in Note by the Secretariat S/1525/2017/Rev.1 (dated 19 September 2017). The SIX project team is available for questions from States Parties and can be contacted via email (six@opcw.org).

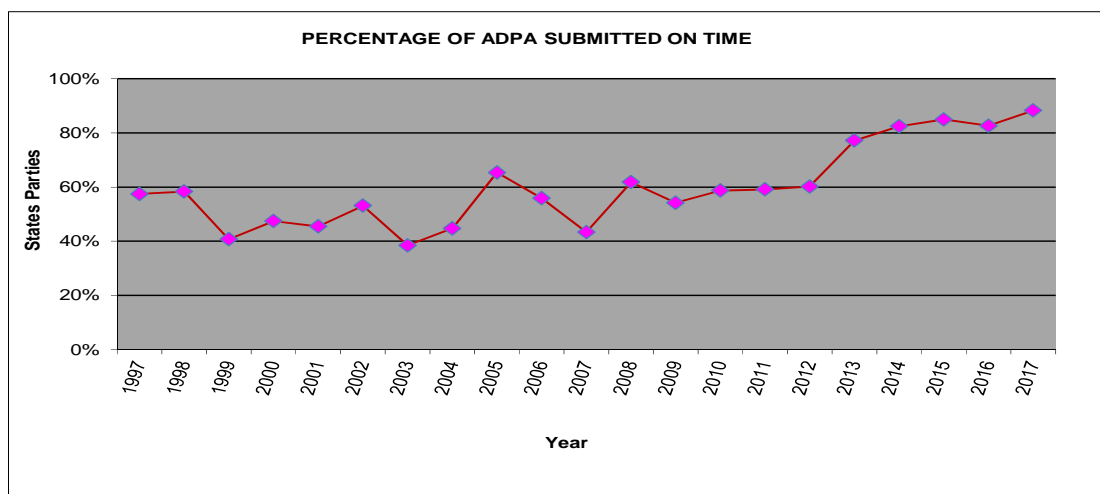
5. Analysis of trends in the timeliness of past ADPA³

- 5.1 Although there was a decrease in the number of submissions received on time for ADPA 2007 (the first declaration submitted after the approval of EC-51/DEC.1) in comparison to the previous year, for ADPA 2008 there was a significant improvement in the number and percentage of submissions received on time, which was maintained for all subsequent ADPA up to and including ADPA 2017. For ADPA 2017, there was a slight decrease in the number of submissions received on time, namely, 75 (88%) out of 85 States Parties, compared to 76 (83%) out of 92 for ADPA 2016. The Secretariat will continue to work with States Parties towards the timeliness of submission of annual declarations. A timeline of ADPA submissions from 1997 to 2017 is shown in Figure 1 below.

FIGURE 1: OVERVIEW OF SUBMISSIONS OF ADPA 1997 – 2017



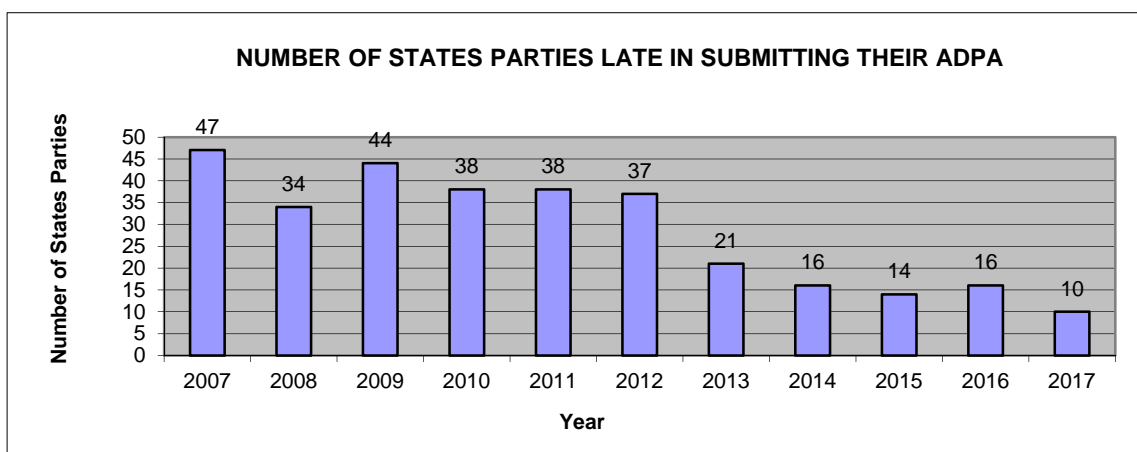
³ The numbers and percentages of States Parties in this section do not include submissions of nil declarations.



5.2 Although most States Parties submit their declarations on time, a few States Parties are late. The Secretariat has held bilateral meetings with representatives of States Parties that have submitted their annual declarations late, specifically to stress the importance of timely submissions and to offer advice and assistance. As a result of this initiative, out of the 16 States Parties that had submitted their ADPA 2016 late, eight submitted their ADPA 2017 on time.

5.3 As at 31 May 2018, 10 States Parties had submitted declarable activities for ADPA 2017 late. Nine of these States Parties submitted within 30 days after the deadline and one submitted more than 30 days after the deadline. An overview of late submissions of ADPA 2007 to ADPA 2017 is given in Figure 2 below. The recent decrease in the number of late submissions is a direct outcome of the joint effort of States Parties and the Secretariat.

FIGURE 2: OVERVIEW OF LATE SUBMISSIONS OF ADPA 2007 TO ADPA 2017



Annexes:

Annex 1: Timely Submissions of Annual Declarations on Past Activities for 2017 (as at 31 March 2018)

Annex 2: Additional Submissions of Annual Declarations on Past Activities for 2017 (as at 31 May 2018)

Annex 1

**TIMELY SUBMISSIONS OF ANNUAL DECLARATIONS ON PAST ACTIVITIES FOR 2017
(AS AT 31 MARCH 2018)⁴**

	State Party	Schedule 1 Facilities	Schedule 1 Transfers	Schedule 2 Plant Sites	Schedule 2 AND ⁵	Schedule 3 Plant Sites	Schedule 3 AND	OCPF ⁶ Update
1.	Algeria				20-Mar-18		20-Mar-18	20-Mar-18
2.	Andorra*	27-Mar-18*		27-Mar-18*		27-Mar-18*		27-Mar-18*
3.	Argentina			27-Mar-18	27-Mar-18	27-Mar-18	27-Mar-18	27-Mar-18
4.	Armenia*	02-Mar-18*		02-Mar-18*		02-Mar-18*		02-Mar-18*
5.	Australia	28-Mar-18		28-Mar-18	28-Mar-18	28-Mar-18	28-Mar-18	28-Mar-18
6.	Austria			29-Mar-18	29-Mar-18		29-Mar-18	29-Mar-18
7.	Bangladesh						22-Mar-18	22-Mar-18
8.	Belarus					30-Mar-18	30-Mar-18	30-Mar-18
9.	Belgium	28-Mar-18		28-Mar-18	28-Mar-18	28-Mar-18	28-Mar-18	28-Mar-18
10.	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	29-Mar-18*	29-Mar-18*	29-Mar-18*	29-Mar-18*		29-Mar-18	29-Mar-18*
11.	Bosnia and Herzegovina							21-Mar-18
12.	Brazil			28-Mar-18	28-Mar-18	28-Mar-18	28-Mar-18	28-Mar-18
13.	Bulgaria			29-Mar-18	29-Mar-18		29-Mar-18	29-Mar-18
14.	Canada	27-Mar-18		27-Mar-18	27-Mar-18		27-Mar-18	27-Mar-18
15.	Chile						29-Mar-18	29-Mar-18
16.	China	22-Mar-18		30-Mar-18	30-Mar-18	30-Mar-18	30-Mar-18	30-Mar-18
17.	Colombia						23-Mar-18	23-Mar-18
18.	Costa Rica						21-Mar-18	21-Mar-18
19.	Croatia						20-Mar-18	20-Mar-18
20.	Cuba						21-Mar-18	21-Mar-18
21.	Cyprus							16-Mar-18
22.	Czech Republic	21-Feb-18		26-Feb-18	26-Feb-18	26-Feb-18	26-Feb-18	26-Feb-18

* Submission of a nil declaration.

⁴ States Parties that submitted ADPA 2017 by the deadline.

⁵ AND = aggregate national data.

⁶ OCPF = other chemical production facility.

	State Party	Schedule 1 Facilities	Schedule 1 Transfers	Schedule 2 Plant Sites	Schedule 2 AND ⁵	Schedule 3 Plant Sites	Schedule 3 AND	OCPF ⁶ Update
23.	Ecuador				26-Mar-18		26-Mar-18	26-Mar-18
24.	El Salvador						22-Mar-18	28-Mar-18
25.	Estonia						26-Mar-18	
26.	Ethiopia						21-Mar-18	21-Mar-18
27.	Finland	21-Mar-18		21-Mar-18	21-Mar-18	21-Mar-18	21-Mar-18	21-Mar-18
28.	France	21-Mar-18		21-Mar-18	21-Mar-18	23-Mar-18	23-Mar-18	23-Mar-18
29.	Georgia						27-Mar-18	27-Mar-18
30.	Germany		19-Mar-18	27-Mar-18	27-Mar-18	27-Mar-18	27-Mar-18	27-Mar-18
31.	Greece			29-Mar-18			29-Mar-18	29-Mar-18
32.	Guatemala							29-Mar-18
33.	Hungary				30-Mar-18	30-Mar-18	30-Mar-18	30-Mar-18
34.	India	22-Feb-18		20-Mar-18	20-Mar-18	20-Mar-18	20-Mar-18	20-Mar-18
35.	Indonesia				29-Mar-18	29-Mar-18	29-Mar-18	29-Mar-18
36.	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	16-Mar-18		16-Mar-18		16-Mar-18	16-Mar-18	16-Mar-18
37.	Iraq							23-Mar-18
38.	Ireland			23-Mar-18	23-Mar-18		23-Mar-18	23-Mar-18
39.	Italy			28-Mar-18	28-Mar-18	28-Mar-18	28-Mar-18	28-Mar-18
40.	Japan			28-Mar-18	28-Mar-18	28-Mar-18	28-Mar-18	28-Mar-18
41.	Kazakhstan					29-Mar-18	29-Mar-18	29-Mar-18
42.	Kenya						29-Mar-18	29-Mar-18
43.	Kuwait						24-Jan-18	24-Jan-18
44.	Latvia			14-Mar-18	14-Mar-18			14-Mar-18
45.	Lebanon*	31-Mar-18*		31-Mar-18*	31-Mar-18*	31-Mar-18*	31-Mar-18*	31-Mar-18*
46.	Lithuania						26-Mar-18	26-Mar-18
47.	Malaysia				30-Mar-18	30-Mar-18	30-Mar-18	30-Mar-18
48.	Mauritius						14-Feb-18	
49.	Mexico			28-Mar-18	28-Mar-18	28-Mar-18	28-Mar-18	28-Mar-18
50.	Morocco						26-Mar-18	26-Mar-18
51.	Netherlands	27-Mar-18	27-Mar-18	27-Mar-18	27-Mar-18	27-Mar-18	27-Mar-18	27-Mar-18
52.	New Zealand						29-Mar-18	29-Mar-18
53.	Nigeria						26-Mar-18	

	State Party	Schedule 1 Facilities	Schedule 1 Transfers	Schedule 2 Plant Sites	Schedule 2 AND ⁵	Schedule 3 Plant Sites	Schedule 3 AND	OCPF ⁶ Update
54.	Pakistan	27-Mar-18					27-Mar-18	27-Mar-18
55.	Peru						28-Mar-18	28-Mar-18
56.	Philippines						27-Mar-18	
57.	Poland			28-Mar-18	28-Mar-18	28-Mar-18	28-Mar-18	28-Mar-18
58.	Portugal					28-Mar-18	28-Mar-18	28-Mar-18
59.	Qatar						16-Mar-18	16-Mar-18
60.	Republic of Korea	23-Mar-18		30-Mar-18	30-Mar-18	30-Mar-18	30-Mar-18	30-Mar-18
61.	Romania						22-Mar-18	22-Mar-18
62.	Saudi Arabia					27-Mar-18	27-Mar-18	27-Mar-18
63.	Serbia	23-Mar-18					23-Mar-18	23-Mar-18
64.	Singapore	28-Mar-18			28-Mar-18		28-Mar-18	28-Mar-18
65.	Slovakia	28-Feb-18					29-Mar-18	29-Mar-18
66.	Slovenia			26-Mar-18	26-Mar-18		26-Mar-18	26-Mar-18
67.	South Africa	29-Mar-18			29-Mar-18	29-Mar-18	29-Mar-18	29-Mar-18
68.	Spain	14-Mar-18		15-Mar-18	15-Mar-18	15-Mar-18	15-Mar-18	15-Mar-18
69.	Sri Lanka						29-Mar-18	
70.	Sudan*	07-Mar-18*	07-Mar-18*	07-Mar-18*	07-Mar-18*	07-Mar-18*	07-Mar-18*	07-Mar-18*
71.	Sweden	12-Mar-18	12-Mar-18	12-Mar-18	12-Mar-18	12-Mar-18	12-Mar-18	12-Mar-18
72.	Switzerland	28-Mar-18	28-Mar-18	28-Mar-18	28-Mar-18	28-Mar-18	28-Mar-18	28-Mar-18
73.	Thailand				29-Mar-18	29-Mar-18	29-Mar-18	29-Mar-18
74.	Turkey			12-Mar-18	12-Mar-18	12-Mar-18	12-Mar-18	12-Mar-18
75.	Ukraine					29-Mar-18	29-Mar-18	29-Mar-18
76.	United Arab Emirates						28-Mar-18	
77.	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	18-Mar-18	18-Mar-18	18-Mar-18	18-Mar-18	18-Mar-18	18-Mar-18	18-Mar-18
78.	United States of America	29-Mar-18		29-Mar-18	29-Mar-18	29-Mar-18	29-Mar-18	29-Mar-18
79.	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)				23-Mar-18		23-Mar-18	23-Mar-18

Annex 2

**ADDITIONAL SUBMISSIONS OF ANNUAL DECLARATIONS ON PAST ACTIVITIES FOR 2017
(AS AT 31 MAY 2018)⁷**

	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						04-May-18	04-May-18
2.	Bahrain				19-Apr-18		19-Apr-18	
3.	Burkina Faso*	25-Apr-18*		25-Apr-18*	25-Apr-18*	25-Apr-18*	25-Apr-18*	25-Apr-18*
4.	Japan ⁸	06-Apr-18						
5.	Jordan						10-Apr-18	10-Apr-18
6.	Monaco*	16-Apr-18*		16-Apr-18*		16-Apr-18*		16-Apr-18*
7.	Norway	20-Apr-18		20-Apr-18	20-Apr-18		20-Apr-18	20-Apr-18
8.	Oman						03-Apr-18	03-Apr-18
9.	Paraguay				01-Apr-18*		01-Apr-18	
10.	Russian Federation			06-Apr-18	06-Apr-18	06-Apr-18	06-Apr-18	06-Apr-18
11.	Tunisia*	11-Apr-18*		11-Apr-18*		11-Apr-18*		
12.	United Arab Emirates ⁸							24-May-18
13.	Uruguay						11-Apr-18	11-Apr-18
14.	Uzbekistan					18-Apr-18	18-Apr-18	18-Apr-18
15.	Viet Nam	04-Apr-18*		04-Apr-18*		04-Apr-18*	04-Apr-18	04-Apr-18

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⁷ States Parties that submitted ADPA 2017 after the deadline.

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⁸ Also listed in Annex 1 in relation to declarations under other parts of the Verification Annex.