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STATUS OF THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION¹

THE CONVENTION ENTERED INTO FORCE ON 29 APRIL 1997

| SUMMARY as of 2 September 1998 | | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| Number of States Parties: | | 113 | |
| Number of States which have deposited an instrument of accession or ratification and for which the Convention has not yet entered into force ² | | 3 | |
| Number of Signatory States which have not yet ratified: | | 53 | |
| States Parties: | | | |
| 1. Albania | Ethiopia | 60. Malta | 91. Slovakia |
| Algeria | 31. Fiji | 61. Mauritania | 92. Slovenia |
| Argentina | 32. Finland | 62. Mauritius | 93. South Africa |
| Armenia | 33. France | 63. Mexico | 94. Spain |
| Australia | 34. Gambia | 64. Monaco | 95. Sri Lanka |
| Austria | 35. Georgia | 65. Mongolia | 96. Suriname |
| Bahrain | 36. Germany | 66. Morocco | 97. Swaziland |
| Bangladesh | 37. Ghana | 67. Namibia | 98. Sweden |
| Belarus | 38. Greece | 68. Nepal | 99. Switzerland |
| Belgium | 39. Guinea | 69. Netherlands | 100. Tajikistan |
| Benin | 40. Guyana | 70. New Zealand | 101. The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia [a] ³ |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 41. Hungary | 71. Niger | 102. Togo |
| Brazil | 42. Iceland | 72. Norway | 103. Trinidad and Tobago [a] |
| Brunei Darussalam | 43. India | 73. Oman | 104. Tunisia |
| Bulgaria | 44. Iran (Islamic Republic of) | 74. Pakistan | 105. Turkey |
| Burkina Faso | 45. Ireland | 75. Papua New Guinea | 106. Turkmenistan |
| Cameroon | 46. Italy | 76. Paraguay | 107. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland |
| Canada | 47. Japan | 77. Peru | 108. United Republic of Tanzania |
| Chile | 48. Jordan [a] | 78. Philippines | 109. United States of America |
| China | 49. Kenya | 79. Poland | 110. Uruguay |
| Cook Islands | 50. Kuwait | 80. Portugal | 111. Uzbekista |
| Costa Rica | 51. Lao People's Democratic Republic | 81. Qatar | 112. Venezuela |
| Côte d'Ivoire | 52. Latvia | 82. Republic of Korea | 113. Zimbabwe |
| Croatia | 53. Lesotho | 83. Republic of Moldova | <u>Entry into force pending:</u> |
| Cuba | 54. Lithuania | 84. Romania | 1. Bolivia (EIF 13-09-98) |
| Czech Republic | 55. Luxembourg | 85. Russian Federation | 2. Botswana[a](EIF 30-09-98) |
| Denmark | 56. Malawi | 86. Saint Lucia | 3. Cyprus (EIF 27-09-98) |
| Ecuador | 57. Maldives | 87. Saudi Arabia | |
| El Salvador | 58. Mali | 88. Senegal | |
| Equatorial Guinea | | 89. Seychelles | |
| | | 90. Singapore | |

¹ Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction.

² Article XXI, paragraph 2, of the Convention (the Convention enters into force on the 30th day following the date of deposit of the instrument of ratification or accession with the Secretary-General of the United Nations as Depositary).

³ [a] = accession

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

1. The text of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction was adopted in Geneva on 3 September 1992 by the Conference on Disarmament,⁴ which transmitted it to the United Nations General Assembly at its Forty-Seventh Session. The General Assembly commended the Convention and requested the United Nations Secretary-General, as Depositary, to open it for signature in Paris on 13 January 1993⁵. The Convention was open for signature in Paris from 13 to 15 January 1993 and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters, New York, until 29 April 1997. By that date the Convention had received 165 signatures. The Convention entered into force on 29 April 1997. States which did not sign the Convention before entry into force may accede to it at any time.
2. For States which ratify or accede to the Convention after 29 April 1997, the Convention enters into force for that State on the thirtieth day after the date of the deposit of the instrument of ratification or accession with the Secretary-General of the United Nations as Depositary.
3. This document contains information concerning the dates of signature, ratification and accession received by the Depositary and notified to the Secretariat of the OPCW (by 2 September 1998). The dates in the column on deposit are those of the receipt by the Depositary of the instrument of ratification or accession.
4. The information is presented in two tables: the first, listing all parties to the Convention in alphabetical order; and the second, listing signatory States which have not yet ratified the Convention.

⁴ Report of the Conference on Disarmament, Official Records of the General Assembly, 47th Session, Supplement no. 27 (A/47/27), paragraphs 73 -74.

⁵ A/RES/47/39 of 16 December 1992.

Table 1

**PARTIES TO THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION
as of 2 September 1998**

| No. | State | Signature ⁶ | Deposit ⁷ | Entry into force |
|-----|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| 1. | Albania | 14-01-93 | 11-05-94 | 29-04-97 |
| 2. | Algeria | 13-01-93 | 14-08-95 | 29-04-97 |
| 3. | Argentina | 13-01-93 | 02-10-95 | 29-04-97 |
| 4. | Armenia | 19-03-93 | 27-01-95 | 29-04-97 |
| 5. | Australia | 13-01-93 | 06-05-94 | 29-04-97 |
| 6. | Austria | 13-01-93 | 17-08-95 | 29-04-97 |
| 7. | Bahrain | 24-02-93 | 28-04-97 | 29-04-97 |
| 8. | Bangladesh | 14-01-93 | 25-04-97 | 29-04-97 |
| 9. | Belarus | 14-01-93 | 11-07-96 | 29-04-97 |
| 10. | Belgium | 13-01-93 | 27-01-97 | 29-04-97 |
| 11. | Benin | 14-01-93 | 14-05-98 | 13-06-98 |
| 12. | Bosnia and Herzegovina | 16-01-97 | 25-02-97 | 29-04-97 |
| 13. | Brazil | 13-01-93 | 13-03-96 | 29-04-97 |
| 14. | Brunei Darussalam | 13-01-93 | 28-07-97 | 27-08-97 |
| 15. | Bulgaria | 13-01-93 | 10-08-94 | 29-04-97 |
| 16. | Burkina Faso | 14-01-93 | 08-07-97 | 07-08-97 |
| 17. | Cameroon | 14-01-93 | 16-09-96 | 29-04-97 |
| 18. | Canada | 13-01-93 | 26-09-95 | 29-04-97 |
| 19. | Chile | 14-01-93 | 12-07-96 | 29-04-97 |
| 20. | China | 13-01-93 | 25-04-97 | 29-04-97 |
| 21. | Cook Islands | 14-01-93 | 15-07-94 | 29-04-97 |
| 22. | Costa Rica | 14-01-93 | 31-05-96 | 29-04-97 |
| 23. | Côte d'Ivoire | 13-01-93 | 18-12-95 | 29-04-97 |
| 24. | Croatia | 13-01-93 | 23-05-95 | 29-04-97 |
| 25. | Cuba | 13-01-93 | 29-04-97 | 29-05-97 |
| 26. | Czech Republic | 14-01-93 | 06-03-96 | 29-04-97 |
| 27. | Denmark | 14-01-93 | 13-07-95 | 29-04-97 |
| 28. | Ecuador | 14-01-93 | 06-09-95 | 29-04-97 |
| 29. | El Salvador | 14-01-93 | 30-10-95 | 29-04-97 |
| 30. | Equatorial Guinea | 14-01-93 | 25-04-97 | 29-04-97 |
| 31. | Ethiopia | 14-01-93 | 13-05-96 | 29-04-97 |
| 32. | Fiji | 14-01-93 | 20-01-93 | 29-04-97 |
| 33. | Finland | 14-01-93 | 07-02-95 | 29-04-97 |
| 34. | France | 13-01-93 | 02-03-95 | 29-04-97 |
| 35. | Gambia | 13-01-93 | 19-05-98 | 18-06-98 |
| 36. | Georgia | 14-01-93 | 27-11-95 | 29-04-97 |
| 37. | Germany | 13-01-93 | 12-08-94 | 29-04-97 |
| 38. | Ghana | 14-01-93 | 09-07-97 | 08-08-97 |
| 39. | Greece | 13-01-93 | 22-12-94 | 29-04-97 |
| 40. | Guinea | 14-01-93 | 09-06-97 | 09-07-97 |
| 41. | Guyana | 06-10-93 | 12-09-97 | 12-10-97 |
| 42. | Hungary | 13-01-93 | 31-10-96 | 29-04-97 |
| 43. | Iceland | 13-01-93 | 28-04-97 | 29-04-97 |

⁶ Signatures affixed on the original of the Convention deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations as Depositary.

⁷ Instruments of accession (“[a]”) or ratification deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations as Depositary.

| No. | State | Signature ⁶ | Deposit ⁷ | Entry into force |
|-----|----------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| 44. | India | 14-01-93 | 03-09-96 | 29-04-97 |
| 45. | Iran (Islamic Republic of) | 13-01-93 | 03-11-97 | 03-12-97 |
| 46. | Ireland | 14-01-93 | 24-06-96 | 29-04-97 |
| 47. | Italy | 13-01-93 | 08-12-95 | 29-04-97 |
| 48. | Japan | 13-01-93 | 15-09-95 | 29-04-97 |
| 49. | Jordan | | 29-10-97 [a] | 28-11-97 |
| 50. | Kenya | 15-01-93 | 25-04-97 | 29-04-97 |
| 51. | Kuwait | 27-01-93 | 29-05-97 | 28-06-97 |
| 52. | Lao People's Democratic Republic | 13-05-93 | 25-02-97 | 29-04-97 |
| 53. | Latvia | 06-05-93 | 23-07-96 | 29-04-97 |
| 54. | Lesotho | 07-12-94 | 07-12-94 | 29-04-97 |
| 55. | Lithuania | 13-01-93 | 15-04-98 | 15-05-98 |
| 56. | Luxembourg | 13-01-93 | 15-04-97 | 29-04-97 |
| 57. | Malawi | 14-01-93 | 11-06-98 | 11-07-98 |
| 58. | Maldives | 01-10-93 | 31-05-94 | 29-04-97 |
| 59. | Mali | 13-01-93 | 28-04-97 | 29-04-97 |
| 60. | Malta | 13-01-93 | 28-04-97 | 29-04-97 |
| 61. | Mauritania | 13-01-93 | 09-02-98 | 11-03-98 |
| 62. | Mauritius | 14-01-93 | 09-02-93 | 29-04-97 |
| 63. | Mexico | 13-01-93 | 29-08-94 | 29-04-97 |
| 64. | Monaco | 13-01-93 | 01-06-95 | 29-04-97 |
| 65. | Mongolia | 14-01-93 | 17-01-95 | 29-04-97 |
| 66. | Morocco | 13-01-93 | 28-12-95 | 29-04-97 |
| 67. | Namibia | 13-01-93 | 27-11-95 | 29-04-97 |
| 68. | Nepal | 19-01-93 | 18-11-97 | 18-12-97 |
| 69. | Netherlands | 14-01-93 | 30-06-95 | 29-04-97 |
| 70. | New Zealand | 14-01-93 | 15-07-96 | 29-04-97 |
| 71. | Niger | 14-01-93 | 09-04-97 | 29-04-97 |
| 72. | Norway | 13-01-93 | 07-04-94 | 29-04-97 |
| 73. | Oman | 02-02-93 | 08-02-95 | 29-04-97 |
| 74. | Pakistan | 13-01-93 | 28-10-97 | 27-11-97 |
| 75. | Papua New Guinea | 14-01-93 | 17-04-96 | 29-04-97 |
| 76. | Paraguay | 14-01-93 | 01-12-94 | 29-04-97 |
| 77. | Peru | 14-01-93 | 20-07-95 | 29-04-97 |
| 78. | Philippines | 13-01-93 | 11-12-96 | 29-04-97 |
| 79. | Poland | 13-01-93 | 23-08-95 | 29-04-97 |
| 80. | Portugal | 13-01-93 | 10-09-96 | 29-04-97 |
| 81. | Qatar | 01-02-93 | 03-09-97 | 03-10-97 |
| 82. | Republic of Korea | 14-01-93 | 28-04-97 | 29-04-97 |
| 83. | Republic of Moldova | 13-01-93 | 08-07-96 | 29-04-97 |
| 84. | Romania | 13-01-93 | 15-02-95 | 29-04-97 |
| 85. | Russian Federation | 13-01-93 | 05-11-97 | 05-12-97 |
| 86. | Saint Lucia | 29-03-93 | 09-04-97 | 29-04-97 |
| 87. | Saudi Arabia | 20-01-93 | 09-08-96 | 29-04-97 |
| 88. | Senegal | 13-01-93 | 20-07-98 | 19-08-98 |
| 89. | Seychelles | 15-01-93 | 07-04-93 | 29-04-97 |
| 90. | Singapore | 14-01-93 | 21-05-97 | 20-06-97 |
| 91. | Slovakia | 14-01-93 | 27-10-95 | 29-04-97 |
| 92. | Slovenia | 14-01-93 | 11-06-97 | 11-07-97 |
| 93. | South Africa | 14-01-93 | 13-09-95 | 29-04-97 |
| 94. | Spain | 13-01-93 | 03-08-94 | 29-04-97 |
| 95. | Sri Lanka | 14-01-93 | 19-08-94 | 29-04-97 |
| 96. | Suriname | 28-04-97 | 28-04-97 | 29-04-97 |

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|------|--|------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| 97. | Swaziland | 23-09-93 | 20-11-96 | 29-04-97 |
| 98. | Sweden | 13-01-93 | 17-06-93 | 29-04-97 |
| 99. | Switzerland | 14-01-93 | 10-03-95 | 29-04-97 |
| 100. | Tajikistan | 14-01-93 | 11-01-95 | 29-04-97 |
| 101. | The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | | 20-06-97 [a] | 20-07-97 |
| 102. | Togo | 13-01-93 | 23-04-97 | 29-04-97 |
| 103. | Trinidad and Tobago | | 24-06-97 [a] | 24-07-97 |
| 104. | Tunisia | 13-01-93 | 15-04-97 | 29-04-97 |
| 105. | Turkey | 14-01-93 | 12-05-97 | 11-06-97 |
| 106. | Turkmenistan | 12-10-93 | 29-09-94 | 29-04-97 |
| 107. | United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | 13-01-93 | 13-05-96 | 29-04-97 |
| 108. | United Republic of Tanzania | 25-02-94 | 25-06-98 | 25-07-98 |
| 109. | United States of America | 13-01-93 | 25-04-97 | 29-04-97 |
| 110. | Uruguay | 15-01-93 | 06-10-94 | 29-04-97 |
| 111. | Uzbekistan | 24-11-95 | 23-07-96 | 29-04-97 |
| 112. | Venezuela | 14-01-93 | 03-12-97 | 02-01-98 |
| 113. | Zimbabwe | 13-01-93 | 25-04-97 | 29-04-97 |

Entry into force pending:

| | | | | |
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| 1. | Bolivia | 14-01-93 | 14-08-98 | 13-09-98 |
| 2. | Botswana | | 31-08-98 [a] | 30-09-98 |
| 3. | Cyprus | 13-01-93 | 28-08-98 | 27-09-98 |

Table 2

**SIGNATORY STATES WHICH HAVE NOT YET RATIFIED THE
CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION
as of 2 September 1998**

| No. | State | Signature⁶ |
|------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. | Afghanistan | 14-01-93 |
| 2. | Azerbaijan | 13-01-93 |
| 3. | Bahamas | 02-03-94 |
| 4. | Bhutan | 24-04-97 |
| 5. | Burundi | 15-01-93 |
| 6. | Cambodia | 15-01-93 |
| 7. | Cape Verde | 15-01-93 |
| 8. | Central African Republic | 14-01-93 |
| 9. | Chad | 11-10-94 |
| 10. | Colombia | 13-01-93 |
| 11. | Comoros | 13-01-93 |
| 12. | Congo | 15-01-93 |
| 13. | Democratic Republic of the Congo | 14-01-93 |
| 14. | Djibouti | 28-09-93 |
| 15. | Dominica | 02-08-93 |
| 16. | Dominican Republic | 13-01-93 |
| 17. | Estonia | 14-01-93 |
| 18. | Gabon | 13-01-93 |
| 19. | Grenada | 09-04-97 |
| 20. | Guatemala | 14-01-93 |
| 21. | Guinea-Bissau | 14-01-93 |
| 22. | Haiti | 14-01-93 |
| 23. | Holy See | 14-01-93 |
| 24. | Honduras | 13-01-93 |
| 25. | Indonesia | 13-01-93 |
| 26. | Israel | 13-01-93 |
| 27. | Jamaica | 18-04-97 |
| 28. | Kazakhstan | 14-01-93 |
| 29. | Kyrgyzstan | 22-02-93 |
| 30. | Liberia | 15-01-93 |
| 31. | Liechtenstein | 21-07-93 |
| 32. | Madagascar | 15-01-93 |
| 33. | Malaysia | 13-01-93 |
| 34. | Marshall Islands | 13-01-93 |
| 35. | Micronesia (Federated States of) | 13-01-93 |
| 36. | Myanmar | 14-01-93 |
| 37. | Nauru | 13-01-93 |
| 38. | Nicaragua | 09-03-93 |
| 39. | Nigeria | 13-01-93 |
| 40. | Panama | 16-06-93 |
| 41. | Rwanda | 17-05-93 |
| 42. | Saint Kitts and Nevis | 16-03-94 |

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| No. | State | Signature⁶ |
|------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 43. | Saint Vincent and the Grenadines | 20-09-93 |
| 44. | Samoa | 14-01-93 |
| 45. | San Marino | 13-01-93 |
| 46. | Sierra Leone | 15-01-93 |
| 47. | Thailand | 14-01-93 |
| 48. | Uganda | 14-01-93 |
| 49. | Ukraine | 13-01-93 |
| 50. | United Arab Emirates | 02-02-93 |
| 51. | Viet Nam | 13-01-93 |
| 52. | Yemen | 08-02-93 |
| 53. | Zambia | 13-01-93 |

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