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STATUS OF THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION¹

THE CONVENTION ENTERED INTO FORCE ON 29 APRIL 1997

SUMMARY as of 1 November 1998			
Number of States Parties:		118	
Number of States which have deposited an instrument of accession or ratification and for which the Convention has not yet entered into force ²		2	
Number of Signatory States which have not yet ratified:		49	
States Parties:			
1. Albania	El Salvador	64. Malta	95. Slovakia
Algeria	33. Equatorial Guinea	65. Mauritania	96. Slovenia
Argentina	34. Ethiopia	66. Mauritius	97. South Africa
Armenia	35. Fiji	67. Mexico	98. Spain
Australia	36. Finland	68. Monaco	99. Sri Lanka
Austria	37. France	69. Mongolia	100. Suriname
Bahrain	38. Gambia	70. Morocco	101. Swaziland
Bangladesh	39. Georgia	71. Namibia	102. Sweden
Belarus	40. Germany	72. Nepal	103. Switzerland
Belgium	41. Ghana	73. Netherlands	104. Tajikistan
Benin	42. Greece	74. New Zealand	105. The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ^[a] ³
Bolivia	43. Guinea	75. Niger	106. Togo
Bosnia and Herzegovina	44. Guyana	76. Norway	107. Trinidad and Tobago [a]
Botswana [a]	45. Hungary	77. Oman	108. Tunisia
Brazil	46. Iceland	78. Pakistan	109. Turkey
Brunei Darussalam	47. India	79. Papua New Guinea	110. Turkmenistan
Bulgaria	48. Iran (Islamic Republic of)	80. Paraguay	111. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Burkina Faso	49. Ireland	81. Peru	112. United Republic of Tanzania
Burundi	50. Italy	82. Philippines	113. United States of America
Cameroon	51. Japan	83. Poland	114. Uruguay
Canada	52. Jordan [a]	84. Portugal	115. Uzbekista
Chile	53. Kenya	85. Qatar	116. Venezuela
China	54. Kuwait	86. Republic of Korea	117. Viet Nam (EIF 30-10-98)
Cook Islands	55. Lao People's Democratic Republic	87. Republic of Moldova	118. Zimbabwe
Costa Rica	56. Latvia	88. Romania	
Côte d'Ivoire	57. Lesotho	89. Russian Federation	
Croatia	58. Lithuania	90. Saint Lucia	
Cuba	59. Luxembourg	91. Saudi Arabia	
Cyprus	60. Malawi	92. Senegal	
Czech Republic	61. Maldives	93. Seychelles	
Denmark	62. Mali	94. Singapore	
Ecuador			
Entry into force pending:			
1. Panama (EIF 06-11-98)			
2. Ukraine (EIF 15-11-98)			

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 1 November 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 1 November 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.	Bolivia	14-01-93	14-08-98	13-09-98
13.	Bosnia and Herzegovina	16-01-97	25-02-97	29-04-97
14.	Botswana		31-08-98[a]	30-09-98
15.	Brazil	13-01-93	13-03-96	29-04-97
16.	Brunei Darussalam	13-01-93	28-07-97	27-08-97
17.	Bulgaria	13-01-93	10-08-94	29-04-97
18.	Burkina Faso	14-01-93	08-07-97	07-08-97
19.	Burundi	15-01-93	04-09-98	04-10-98
20.	Cameroon	14-01-93	16-09-96	29-04-97
21.	Canada	13-01-93	26-09-95	29-04-97
22.	Chile	14-01-93	12-07-96	29-04-97
23.	China	13-01-93	25-04-97	29-04-97
24.	Cook Islands	14-01-93	15-07-94	29-04-97
25.	Costa Rica	14-01-93	31-05-96	29-04-97
26.	Côte d'Ivoire	13-01-93	18-12-95	29-04-97
27.	Croatia	13-01-93	23-05-95	29-04-97
28.	Cuba	13-01-93	29-04-97	29-05-97
29.	Cyprus	13-01-93	28-08-98	27-09-98
30.	Czech Republic	14-01-93	06-03-96	29-04-97
31.	Denmark	14-01-93	13-07-95	29-04-97
32.	Ecuador	14-01-93	06-09-95	29-04-97
33.	El Salvador	14-01-93	30-10-95	29-04-97
34.	Equatorial Guinea	14-01-93	25-04-97	29-04-97
35.	Ethiopia	14-01-93	13-05-96	29-04-97
36.	Fiji	14-01-93	20-01-93	29-04-97
37.	Finland	14-01-93	07-02-95	29-04-97
38.	France	13-01-93	02-03-95	29-04-97
39.	Gambia	13-01-93	19-05-98	18-06-98
40.	Georgia	14-01-93	27-11-95	29-04-97
41.	Germany	13-01-93	12-08-94	29-04-97
42.	Ghana	14-01-93	09-07-97	08-08-97
43.	Greece	13-01-93	22-12-94	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.	Guinea	14-01-93	09-06-97	09-07-97
45.	Guyana	06-10-93	12-09-97	12-10-97
46.	Hungary	13-01-93	31-10-96	29-04-97
47.	Iceland	13-01-93	28-04-97	29-04-97
48.	India	14-01-93	03-09-96	29-04-97
49.	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	13-01-93	03-11-97	03-12-97
50.	Ireland	14-01-93	24-06-96	29-04-97
51.	Italy	13-01-93	08-12-95	29-04-97
52.	Japan	13-01-93	15-09-95	29-04-97
53.	Jordan		29-10-97 [a]	28-11-97
54.	Kenya	15-01-93	25-04-97	29-04-97
55.	Kuwait	27-01-93	29-05-97	28-06-97
56.	Lao People's Democratic Republic	13-05-93	25-02-97	29-04-97
57.	Latvia	06-05-93	23-07-96	29-04-97
58.	Lesotho	07-12-94	07-12-94	29-04-97
59.	Lithuania	13-01-93	15-04-98	15-05-98
60.	Luxembourg	13-01-93	15-04-97	29-04-97
61.	Malawi	14-01-93	11-06-98	11-07-98
62.	Maldives	01-10-93	31-05-94	29-04-97
63.	Mali	13-01-93	28-04-97	29-04-97
64.	Malta	13-01-93	28-04-97	29-04-97
65.	Mauritania	13-01-93	09-02-98	11-03-98
66.	Mauritius	14-01-93	09-02-93	29-04-97
67.	Mexico	13-01-93	29-08-94	29-04-97
68.	Monaco	13-01-93	01-06-95	29-04-97
69.	Mongolia	14-01-93	17-01-95	29-04-97
70.	Morocco	13-01-93	28-12-95	29-04-97
71.	Namibia	13-01-93	27-11-95	29-04-97
72.	Nepal	19-01-93	18-11-97	18-12-97
73.	Netherlands	14-01-93	30-06-95	29-04-97
74.	New Zealand	14-01-93	15-07-96	29-04-97
75.	Niger	14-01-93	09-04-97	29-04-97
76.	Norway	13-01-93	07-04-94	29-04-97
77.	Oman	02-02-93	08-02-95	29-04-97
78.	Pakistan	13-01-93	28-10-97	27-11-97
79.	Papua New Guinea	14-01-93	17-04-96	29-04-97
80.	Paraguay	14-01-93	01-12-94	29-04-97
81.	Peru	14-01-93	20-07-95	29-04-97
82.	Philippines	13-01-93	11-12-96	29-04-97
83.	Poland	13-01-93	23-08-95	29-04-97
84.	Portugal	13-01-93	10-09-96	29-04-97
85.	Qatar	01-02-93	03-09-97	03-10-97
86.	Republic of Korea	14-01-93	28-04-97	29-04-97
87.	Republic of Moldova	13-01-93	08-07-96	29-04-97
88.	Romania	13-01-93	15-02-95	29-04-97
89.	Russian Federation	13-01-93	05-11-97	05-12-97
90.	Saint Lucia	29-03-93	09-04-97	29-04-97
91.	Saudi Arabia	20-01-93	09-08-96	29-04-97
92.	Senegal	13-01-93	20-07-98	19-08-98
93.	Seychelles	15-01-93	07-04-93	29-04-97
94.	Singapore	14-01-93	21-05-97	20-06-97
95.	Slovakia	14-01-93	27-10-95	29-04-97
96.	Slovenia	14-01-93	11-06-97	11-07-97

No.	State	Signature ⁶	Deposit ⁷	Entry into force
97.	South Africa	14-01-93	13-09-95	29-04-97
98.	Spain	13-01-93	03-08-94	29-04-97
99.	Sri Lanka	14-01-93	19-08-94	29-04-97
100.	Suriname	28-04-97	28-04-97	29-04-97
101.	Swaziland	23-09-93	20-11-96	29-04-97
102.	Sweden	13-01-93	17-06-93	29-04-97
103.	Switzerland	14-01-93	10-03-95	29-04-97
104.	Tajikistan	14-01-93	11-01-95	29-04-97
105.	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia		20-06-97 [a]	20-07-97
106.	Togo	13-01-93	23-04-97	29-04-97
107.	Trinidad and Tobago		24-06-97 [a]	24-07-97
108.	Tunisia	13-01-93	15-04-97	29-04-97
109.	Turkey	14-01-93	12-05-97	11-06-97
110.	Turkmenistan	12-10-93	29-09-94	29-04-97
111.	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	13-01-93	13-05-96	29-04-97
112.	United Republic of Tanzania	25-02-94	25-06-98	25-07-98
113.	United States of America	13-01-93	25-04-97	29-04-97
114.	Uruguay	15-01-93	06-10-94	29-04-97
115.	Uzbekistan	24-11-95	23-07-96	29-04-97
116.	Venezuela	14-01-93	03-12-97	02-01-98
117.	Viet Nam	13-01-93	30-09-98	30-10-98
118.	Zimbabwe	13-01-93	25-04-97	29-04-97

Entry into force pending:

1.	Panama	16-06-93	07-10-98	06-11-98
2.	Ukraine	13-01-93	16-10-98	15-11-98

Table 2
SIGNATORY STATES WHICH HAVE NOT YET RATIFIED
THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION as of 1 November 1998

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