

**NOTE BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL****STATUS REPORT ON TIMELY SUBMISSION BY STATES PARTIES
OF DECLARATIONS UNDER ARTICLE VI OF THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS
CONVENTION FOR THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY TO 31 MAY 2019****1. Introduction**

- 1.1 This Note, which is being submitted to the Executive Council (hereinafter “the Council”) for consideration at its Ninety-First 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 2019.
- 1.2 In response to decision EC-51/DEC.1 requesting all States Parties to meet their obligations regarding annual declarations in a timely manner, the Secretariat sent further a note verbale to all States Parties (NV/VER/DEB/217941/19, dated 21 January 2019) reminding them of the requirements of the decision and of the deadline for submission of annual declarations on past activities (ADPA) for 2018.
- 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”. During the reporting period, the decision was highlighted at a regional training course for States Parties in Latin America and the Caribbean on fulfilling declarations and inspections obligations under Article VI of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”), which was held in Panama City, Panama. Furthermore, the Secretariat has held several bilateral meetings with Permanent Representatives and National Authorities to highlight the importance of the timely submission of declarations.

2. Submission of initial declarations under Article VI

During the reporting period, the Secretariat did not receive any initial declarations. As at 31 May 2019, 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 2018 was 31 March 2019. As at that date, the Secretariat had received ADPA 2018 from 88 States Parties, including four States Parties that notified the Secretariat that they had no declarable facilities or activities (“nil declarations”).¹ An additional five States Parties submitted information on declarable facilities or activities for ADPA 2018 after 31 March 2019, and four 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 2019, a total of 89 States Parties had submitted declarations for declarable facilities or activities for 2018. Of the 89 States Parties, 84 (94%) were on time in submitting at least part of their declaration. The current status of submissions of ADPA 2018 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 2019 were 2 October 2018 (for Schedule 1 facilities) and 1 November 2018 (for Schedule 2 and 3 plant sites). Since the Ninetieth Session of the Council, there has been no change in the number of States Parties that have declared activities and facilities for 2019.

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 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 System (SIX) for the exchange of confidential information, in particular declarations. Currently, 104 users from 59 States Parties are registered for SIX. In 2019, the system was used by 48 States Parties for the submission of ADPA 2018. Further details and updates regarding the system are available in Note by the Secretariat S/1662/2018 (dated 21 August 2018). The SIX project team is available for questions from States Parties and can be contacted via email (six@opcw.org).

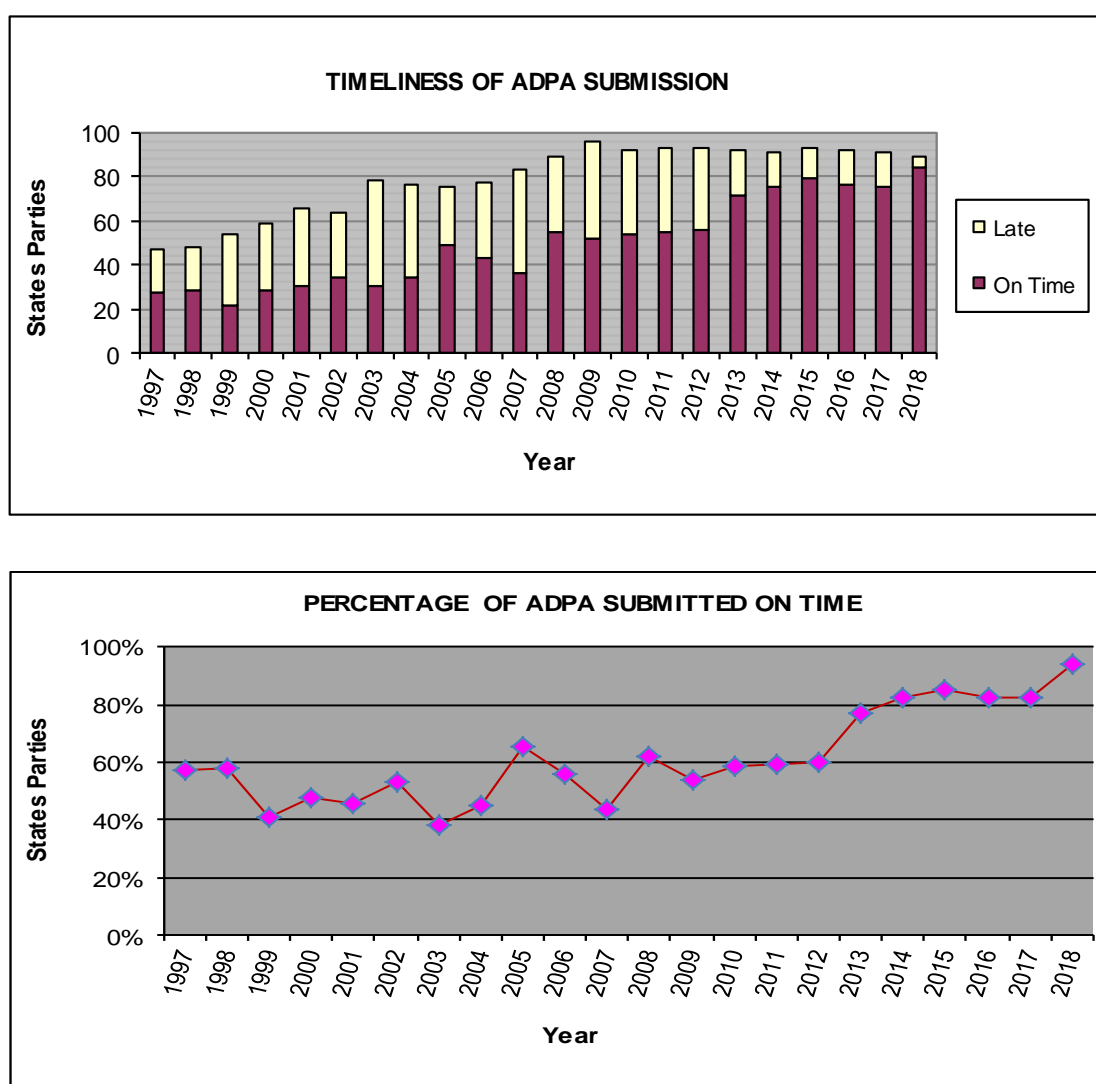
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Although the submission of nil declarations is not a requirement of the Convention, a number of States Parties choose to provide the Secretariat with such information voluntarily.

5. Analysis of trends in the timeliness of past ADPA²

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 2018. For ADPA 2018, there was a significant increase in the number of submissions received on time, namely, 84 out of 89 States Parties compared to 75 out of 91 for ADPA 2017. 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 2018 is shown in Figure 1 below.

FIGURE 1: OVERVIEW OF SUBMISSIONS OF ADPA 1997 – 2018

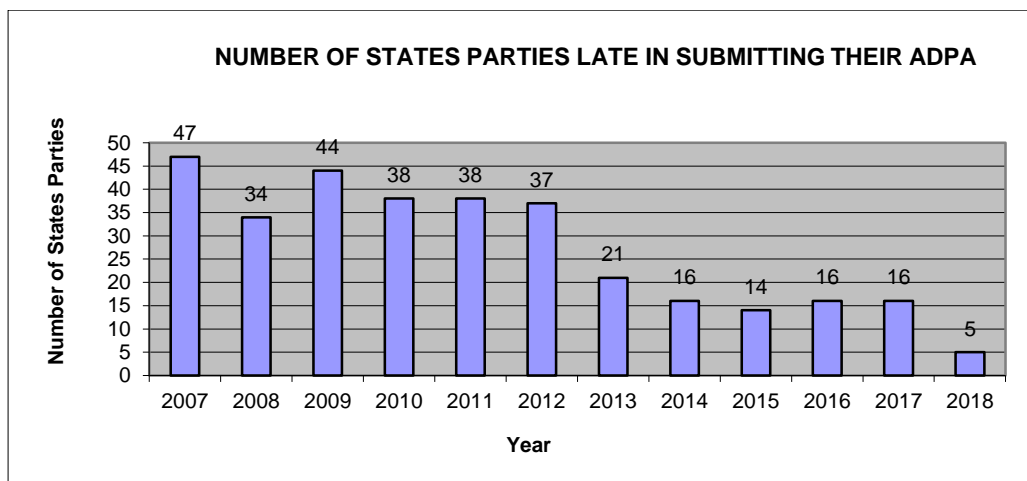


² The numbers and percentages of States Parties in this section do not include submissions of nil declarations.

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 2017 late, nine submitted their ADPA 2018 on time.

5.3 As at 31 May 2019, five States Parties had submitted declarable activities for ADPA 2018 late. Three of these States Parties submitted their declarations within 30 days after the deadline and two submitted more than 30 days after the deadline. An overview of late submissions of ADPA 2007 to ADPA 2018 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 2018



Annexes:

Annex 1: Timely Submissions of Annual Declarations on Past Activities for 2018 (as at 31 March 2019)

Annex 2: Additional Submissions of Annual Declarations on Past Activities for 2018 (as at 31 May 2019)

Annex 1

**TIMELY SUBMISSIONS OF ANNUAL DECLARATIONS ON PAST ACTIVITIES FOR 2018
(AS AT 31 MARCH 2019)³**

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 ⁴ | Schedule 3 Plant Sites | Schedule 3 AND | OCPF ⁵ Update |
|-----|----------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. | Albania* | 29-Mar-19* | | 29-Mar-19* | 29-Mar-19* | 29-Mar-19* | 29-Mar-19* | |
| 2. | Algeria | | | | 29-Mar-19 | | 29-Mar-19 | 29-Mar-19 |
| 3. | Andorra* | 24-Jan-19* | | 24-Jan-19* | | 24-Jan-19* | | |
| 4. | Argentina | | | 28-Mar-19 | 28-Mar-19 | 28-Mar-19 | 28-Mar-19 | 28-Mar-19 |
| 5. | Australia | 27-Mar-19 | | 27-Mar-19 | 27-Mar-19 | 27-Mar-19 | 27-Mar-19 | 27-Mar-19 |
| 6. | Austria | | | 29-Mar-19 | 29-Mar-19 | | 29-Mar-19 | 29-Mar-19 |
| 7. | Azerbaijan | | | | | | 07-Mar-19 | 07-Mar-19 |
| 8. | Bangladesh | | | | | | 25-Mar-19 | 25-Mar-19 |
| 9. | Belarus | | | | | 25-Mar-19 | 25-Mar-19 | 25-Mar-19 |
| 10. | Belgium | 28-Mar-19 | | 28-Mar-19 | 28-Mar-19 | 28-Mar-19 | 28-Mar-19 | 28-Mar-19 |
| 11. | Bolivia (Plurinational State of) | | | | | | 12-Mar-19 | |
| 12. | Bosnia and Herzegovina | | | | | | | 27-Mar-19 |
| 13. | Brazil | | | 06-Mar-19 | 06-Mar-19 | 06-Mar-19 | 06-Mar-19 | 06-Mar-19 |
| 14. | Bulgaria | | | 22-Mar-19 | 22-Mar-19 | | 22-Mar-19 | 22-Mar-19 |
| 15. | Canada | 22-Mar-19 | | 22-Mar-19 | 22-Mar-19 | | 22-Mar-19 | 22-Mar-19 |
| 16. | Chile | | | | | | 13-Feb-19 | 13-Feb-19 |
| 17. | China | 28-Mar-19 | | 28-Mar-19 | 28-Mar-19 | 28-Mar-19 | 28-Mar-19 | 28-Mar-19 |
| 18. | Colombia | | | | 28-Mar-19 | | 28-Mar-19 | 28-Mar-19 |
| 19. | Costa Rica | | | | | | 06-Mar-19 | 06-Mar-19 |
| 20. | Croatia | | | | | | 27-Mar-19 | 27-Mar-19 |
| 21. | Cuba | | | | | | 27-Mar-19 | 27-Mar-19 |

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States Parties that submitted ADPA 2018 by the deadline.

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AND = aggregate national data.

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OCPF = other chemical production facility.

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|-----|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| 22. | Cyprus | | | | | | | 29-Mar-19 |
| 23. | Czech Republic | 31-Jan-19 | | 08-Mar-19 | 08-Mar-19 | 08-Mar-19 | 08-Mar-19 | 08-Mar-19 |
| 24. | Denmark | | | 27-Mar-19 | 27-Mar-19 | | 27-Mar-19 | 27-Mar-19 |
| 25. | Ecuador | | | | | | 31-Mar-19 | 31-Mar-19 |
| 26. | El Salvador | 29-Mar-19* | 29-Mar-19* | 29-Mar-19* | 29-Mar-19* | | 29-Mar-19 | |
| 27. | Estonia | | | | | | | 29-Mar-19 |
| 28. | Ethiopia | | | | | | 14-Mar-19 | 14-Mar-19 |
| 29. | Finland | 18-Mar-19 | | 18-Mar-19 | 18-Mar-19 | | 18-Mar-19 | 18-Mar-19 |
| 30. | France | 28-Mar-19 | 28-Mar-19 | 28-Mar-19 | 28-Mar-19 | 28-Mar-19 | 28-Mar-19 | 28-Mar-19 |
| 31. | Georgia | | | | | 12-Mar-19 | 12-Mar-19 | 12-Mar-19 |
| 32. | Germany | | 20-Feb-19 | 28-Mar-19 | 28-Mar-19 | 28-Mar-19 | 28-Mar-19 | 28-Mar-19 |
| 33. | Greece | | | | | | 28-Mar-19 | 28-Mar-19 |
| 34. | Guatemala | | | | | | | 30-Mar-19 |
| 35. | Hungary | | | | | 19-Mar-19 | 19-Mar-19 | 19-Mar-19 |
| 36. | India | 11-Feb-19 | | 19-Mar-19 | 19-Mar-19 | 19-Mar-19 | 19-Mar-19 | 19-Mar-19 |
| 37. | Indonesia | | | | | | 27-Mar-19 | 27-Mar-19 |
| 38. | Iran (Islamic Republic of) | 15-Mar-19 | | 15-Mar-19 | 15-Mar-19 | 15-Mar-19 | 15-Mar-19 | 15-Mar-19 |
| 39. | Ireland | | | 22-Mar-19 | 22-Mar-19 | | 22-Mar-19 | 22-Mar-19 |
| 40. | Italy | | | 28-Mar-19 | 28-Mar-19 | 28-Mar-19 | 28-Mar-19 | 28-Mar-19 |
| 41. | Japan | 28-Mar-19 | | 28-Mar-19 | 28-Mar-19 | 28-Mar-19 | 28-Mar-19 | 28-Mar-19 |
| 42. | Kazakhstan | | | | | 29-Mar-19 | 29-Mar-19 | 29-Mar-19 |
| 43. | Kenya | | | | | | 28-Mar-19 | 28-Mar-19 |
| 44. | Kuwait | | | | | | 21-Mar-19 | 21-Mar-19 |
| 45. | Latvia | | | 27-Mar-19 | 27-Mar-19 | | | 27-Mar-19 |
| 46. | Lebanon | | | | | | 31-Mar-19 | |
| 47. | Liechtenstein* | | | | 29-Mar-19* | | | |
| 48. | Lithuania | | | | | | 28-Mar-19 | 28-Mar-19 |
| 49. | Malaysia | | | | 28-Mar-19 | 28-Mar-19 | 28-Mar-19 | 28-Mar-19 |
| 50. | Mauritius | | | | | | 11-Mar-19 | |
| 51. | Mexico | | | 29-Mar-19 | 29-Mar-19 | 29-Mar-19 | 29-Mar-19 | 29-Mar-19 |
| 52. | Morocco | | | | | | 28-Mar-19 | 28-Mar-19 |

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|-----|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| 53. | Netherlands | 29-Mar-19 | | 29-Mar-19 | 29-Mar-19 | 29-Mar-19 | 29-Mar-19 | 29-Mar-19 |
| 54. | New Zealand | | | | | | | 29-Mar-19 |
| 55. | Nigeria | | | | | | | 28-Mar-19 |
| 56. | Norway | 28-Mar-19 | | 28-Mar-19 | 28-Mar-19 | | 28-Mar-19 | 28-Mar-19 |
| 57. | Oman | | | | | | | 28-Mar-19 |
| 58. | Pakistan | 25-Mar-19 | | | | | | 25-Mar-19 |
| 59. | Panama* | 18-Mar-19* | | 18-Mar-19* | | 18-Mar-19* | | 18-Mar-19* |
| 60. | Paraguay | | | | | | 28-Feb-19 | |
| 61. | Peru | | | | 26-Mar-19 | | 26-Mar-19 | 26-Mar-19 |
| 62. | Philippines | | | | | | 29-Mar-19 | |
| 63. | Poland | | | 29-Mar-19 | 29-Mar-19 | 29-Mar-19 | 29-Mar-19 | 29-Mar-19 |
| 64. | Portugal | | | | 29-Mar-19 | 29-Mar-19 | 29-Mar-19 | 29-Mar-19 |
| 65. | Qatar | | | | | | 11-Mar-19 | 11-Mar-19 |
| 66. | Republic of Korea | 17-Mar-19 | | 28-Mar-19 | 28-Mar-19 | 28-Mar-19 | 28-Mar-19 | 28-Mar-19 |
| 67. | Romania | | | 21-Mar-19* | 21-Mar-19* | 21-Mar-19* | 21-Mar-19 | 21-Mar-19 |
| 68. | Russian Federation | | | 21-Mar-19 | 21-Mar-19 | 21-Mar-19 | 21-Mar-19 | 21-Mar-19 |
| 69. | Saudi Arabia | | | | | 25-Mar-19 | 25-Mar-19 | 25-Mar-19 |
| 70. | Serbia | 26-Mar-19 | | | | | 26-Mar-19 | 26-Mar-19 |
| 71. | Singapore | 22-Mar-19 | | | | | 22-Mar-19 | 22-Mar-19 |
| 72. | Slovakia | 22-Feb-19 | | | 22-Mar-19 | | 22-Mar-19 | 22-Mar-19 |
| 73. | Slovenia | | | 15-Mar-19 | 15-Mar-19 | | 15-Mar-19 | 15-Mar-19 |
| 74. | South Africa | 29-Mar-19 | | | 29-Mar-19 | | 29-Mar-19 | 29-Mar-19 |
| 75. | Spain | 25-Mar-19 | | 25-Mar-19 | 25-Mar-19 | 25-Mar-19 | 25-Mar-19 | 25-Mar-19 |
| 76. | Sri Lanka | | | | | | 21-Mar-19 | |
| 77. | Sweden | 28-Feb-19 | 28-Feb-19 | 28-Feb-19 | 28-Feb-19 | 28-Feb-19 | 28-Feb-19 | 28-Feb-19 |
| 78. | Switzerland | 28-Mar-19 | | 28-Mar-19 | 28-Mar-19 | 28-Mar-19 | 28-Mar-19 | 28-Mar-19 |
| 79. | Thailand | | | | 28-Mar-19 | 28-Mar-19 | 28-Mar-19 | 28-Mar-19 |
| 80. | Trinidad and Tobago | | | | | | | 29-Mar-19 |
| 81. | Turkey | | | 21-Mar-19 | 21-Mar-19 | 21-Mar-19 | 21-Mar-19 | 21-Mar-19 |
| 82. | Ukraine | | | 26-Mar-19 | 26-Mar-19 | 26-Mar-19 | 26-Mar-19 | 26-Mar-19 |
| 83. | United Arab Emirates | | | | | | 28-Mar-19 | 28-Mar-19 |

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| 84. | United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | 15-Mar-19 | | 15-Mar-19 | 15-Mar-19 | 15-Mar-19 | 15-Mar-19 | 15-Mar-19 |
| 85. | United States of America | 29-Mar-19 | | 29-Mar-19 | 29-Mar-19 | 29-Mar-19 | 29-Mar-19 | 29-Mar-19 |
| 86. | Uruguay | | | | | | | 29-Mar-19 |
| 87. | Uzbekistan | | | | | 21-Mar-19 | 21-Mar-19 | 21-Mar-19 |
| 88. | Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) | | | | 28-Mar-19 | 28-Mar-19 | 28-Mar-19 | 28-Mar-19 |

Annex 2

**ADDITIONAL SUBMISSIONS OF ANNUAL DECLARATIONS ON PAST ACTIVITIES FOR 2018
(AS AT 31 MAY 2019)⁶**

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 | Schedule 3 Plant Sites | Schedule 3 AND | Schedule 3 AND | OCPF Update |
|----|--------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. | Brunei Darussalam | | | | | 17-Apr-19 | | | |
| 2. | Burkina Faso* | 02-Apr-19* | | 02-Apr-19* | 02-Apr-19* | 02-Apr-19* | 02-Apr-19* | 02-Apr-19* | 02-Apr-19* |
| 3. | Iraq | | | | | | 13-May-19 | 13-May-19 | 13-May-19 |
| 4. | Jordan | | | | | | 13-May-19 | 13-May-19 | |
| 5. | Luxembourg | | | | 09-Apr-19 | | 09-Apr-19 | | |
| 6. | Maldives* | 01-Apr-19* | | 01-Apr-19* | 01-Apr-19* | 01-Apr-19* | 01-Apr-19* | 01-Apr-19* | 01-Apr-19* |
| 7. | Monaco* | 11-Apr-19* | | 11-Apr-19* | 11-Apr-19* | 11-Apr-19* | 11-Apr-19* | 11-Apr-19* | 11-Apr-19* |
| 8. | Nicaragua* | | | | 04-Apr-19* | 04-Apr-19* | | | 01-Apr-19* |
| 9. | Viet Nam | | | | | | 05-Apr-19 | 05-Apr-19 | 05-Apr-19 |

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⁶ States Parties that submitted ADPA 2018 after the deadline.