



**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 2023**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 This Note, which is being submitted to the Executive Council (hereinafter “the Council”) for consideration at its 103rd 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 1 January to 31 May 2023.
- 1.2 In response to Council 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 note verbale to all States Parties (NV/VER/DEB-35/23, dated 25 January 2023) reminding them of the requirements of the decision and of the deadline for submission of annual declarations on past activities (ADPAs) for 2022.
- 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”. The Secretariat continues to highlight the importance of timely submissions of declarations by the States Parties during all events organised for National Authorities where declaration obligations are on the agenda.

**2. SUBMISSION OF INITIAL DECLARATIONS UNDER ARTICLE VI**

During the reporting period, the Secretariat did not receive any initial declarations. As at 31 May 2023, only one State Party, Tonga, had yet to submit its initial declaration under Article VI of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”). 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 2022 was 31 March 2023. As at that date, the Secretariat had received ADPA 2022 from 68 States Parties<sup>1</sup> with declarable activities in 2022. In addition, seven States Parties informed the Secretariat that they had no declarable activities (“nil” declarations).<sup>2</sup> After 31 March 2023, an additional 11 States Parties submitted information on declarable facilities or activities and four States Parties submitted a nil declaration for ADPA 2022, in accordance with the Verification Annex to the Convention.
- 3.2 In summary, between 1 January and 31 May 2023, a total of 79 States Parties had submitted declarations on declarable activities for 2022; this excludes those 11 States Parties that submitted nil declarations. Of the 79 States Parties, 68 (86%) were on time in submitting at least part of their declaration. The status of submissions of ADPA 2022 is detailed in Annexes 1 and 2 to this report.
- 3.3 The deadlines for the submission of annual declarations on anticipated activities for 2023 were 2 October 2022 (for Schedule 1 facilities) and 1 November 2022 (for Schedule 2 and 3 plant sites). Since the 102nd Session of the Council, there has been no change in the number of States Parties that have declared activities and facilities for 2023.
- 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”. As at the deadline for the submission of ADPA 2022, Denmark, Ireland, Norway, Singapore, and Ukraine had submitted such information.

### **4. ONGOING EFFORTS TO ASSIST STATES PARTIES**

- 4.1 The Secretariat stands ready to offer the States Parties advice and assistance where needed regarding the submission of their annual declarations. In the past, the Secretariat has provided customised support, through bilateral consultations with National Authorities, to those States Parties which encountered difficulties in identifying declarable activities, collecting data for declaration, and preparing and submitting their annual declarations. The Secretariat continues to work with concerned States Parties towards the submission of complete and accurate annual declarations on time.
- 4.2 The Secretariat continues to support States Parties in using the new Secure Information Exchange System (SIX) for the exchange of confidential information, in particular declarations. Currently, there are 123 active users of SIX from 63 States Parties. In 2023, the system was used by 33 States Parties for the submission of ADPA 2022. Further details and updates regarding the system are available in Note S/2088/2022 (dated 11 August 2022). The SIX project team is available for questions from States Parties and can be contacted via email ([six@opcw.org](mailto:six@opcw.org)).

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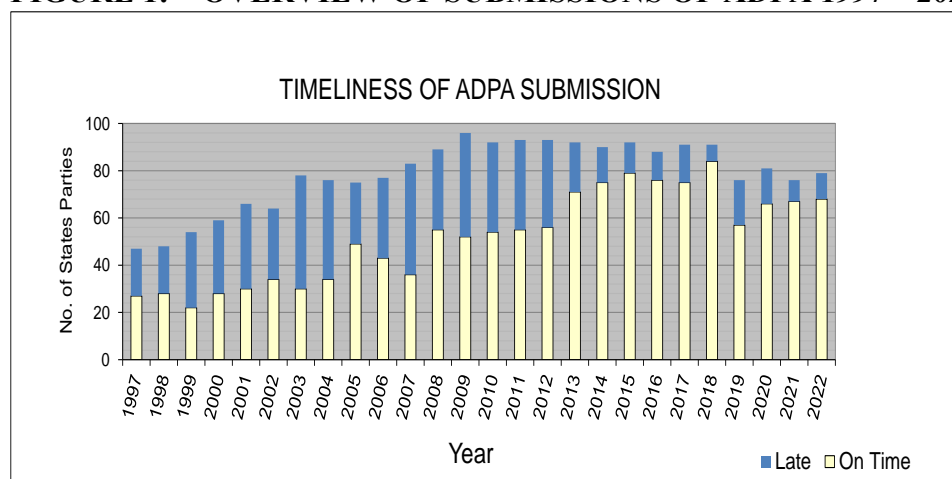
<sup>1</sup> In Note by the Secretariat S/2164/2023 (dated 20 April 2023), the number of ADPAs 2022 submitted by States Parties on time is stated as 67 instead of 68. One declaration was submitted before but received only after the deadline as a result of technical problems.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

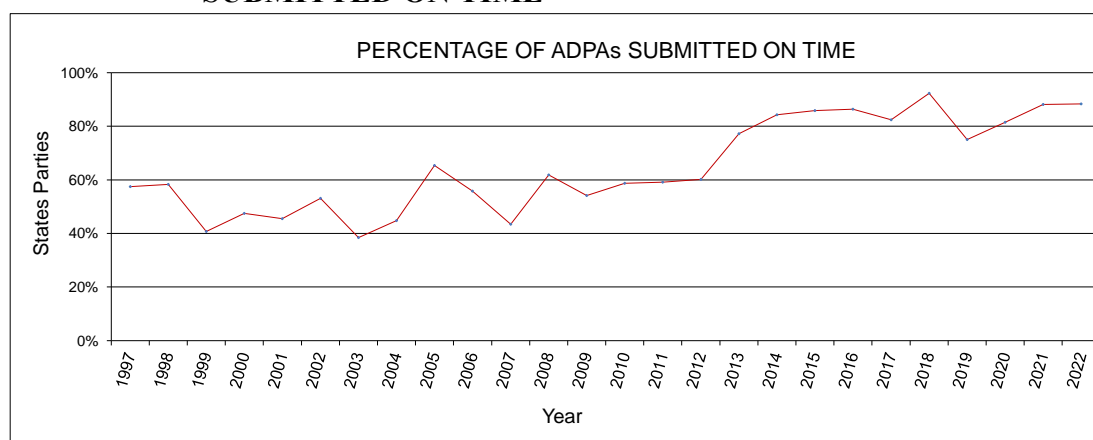
**5. ANALYSIS OF TRENDS IN THE TIMELINESS OF PAST ADPAs<sup>3,4</sup>**

5.1 The percentage of ADPAs received on time has improved since 2020, following the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, the overall number of States Parties with declarable activities in ADPA 2022 is slightly higher than in ADPA 2021, namely, 79 compared to 76. More statistics on ADPA submissions from 1997 to 2022 are shown in Figures 1 and 2 below.

**FIGURE 1: OVERVIEW OF SUBMISSIONS OF ADPA 1997 – 2022**



**FIGURE 2: OVERVIEW OF THE PERCENTAGE OF ADPA 1997 – 2022 SUBMITTED ON TIME**

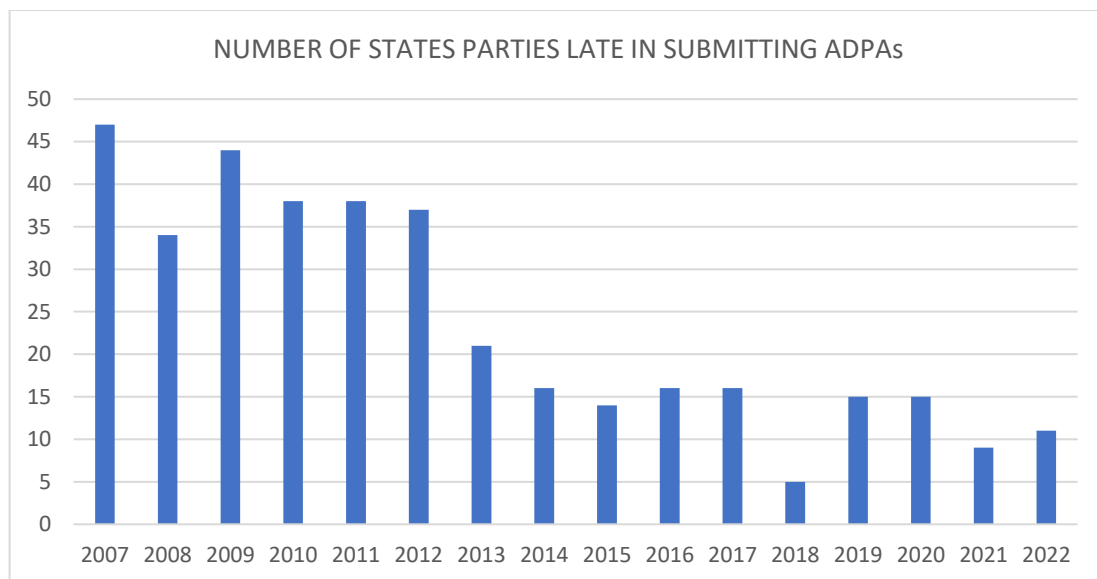


5.2 In order to highlight the importance of timely submissions, and for verification purposes, the Secretariat contacted nine States Parties that had declarable activities in 2021 and did not submit their ADPA 2022, seeking clarification as to whether those activities remained declarable in 2022.

5.3 As at 31 May 2023, 11 States Parties were late in submitting declarable activities for ADPA 2022; eight of these States Parties submitted their declarations within 30 days of the deadline and three submitted their declarations more than 30 days after the deadline. An overview of late submissions of ADPA from 2007 to 2022 is provided in Figure 3 below.

<sup>3</sup> The numbers and percentages of States Parties in this section do not include submissions of nil declarations.  
<sup>4</sup> For Figures 1 to 3, the cut-off date for submissions is 31 May for each of the respective years.

**FIGURE 3: OVERVIEW OF LATE SUBMISSIONS OF ADPA 2007 – 2022**



**Annexes:**

**Annex 1:** Timely Submissions of Annual Declarations on Past Activities for 2022  
(as at 31 March 2023)

**Annex 2:** Additional Submissions of Annual Declarations on Past Activities for 2022  
(as at 31 May 2023)

## Annex 1

## TIMELY SUBMISSIONS OF ANNUAL DECLARATIONS ON PAST ACTIVITIES FOR 2022 (AS AT 31 MARCH 2023)

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 <sup>5</sup>	Schedule 3 Plant Sites	Schedule 3 AND	OCPF <sup>6</sup> Update
1.	Algeria						21-Mar-23	21-Mar-23
2.	Andorra*	06-Feb-23*	06-Feb-23*	06-Feb-23*	06-Feb-23*	06-Feb-23*	06-Feb-23*	06-Feb-23*
3.	Argentina			30-Mar-23	30-Mar-23	30-Mar-23	30-Mar-23	30-Mar-23
4.	Armenia*	31-Mar-23*	31-Mar-23*	31-Mar-23*	31-Mar-23*	31-Mar-23*	31-Mar-23*	31-Mar-23*
5.	Australia	29-Mar-23		29-Mar-23	29-Mar-23	29-Mar-23	29-Mar-23	29-Mar-23
6.	Austria	31-Mar-23		31-Mar-23	31-Mar-23		31-Mar-23	31-Mar-23
7.	Azerbaijan							17-Feb-23
8.	Bangladesh						30-Mar-23	30-Mar-23
9.	Belarus					23-Mar-23	23-Mar-23	23-Mar-23
10.	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)						31-Mar-23	
11.	Bosnia and Herzegovina							28-Mar-23
12.	Brazil			14-Mar-23	14-Mar-23	14-Mar-23	14-Mar-23	14-Mar-23
13.	Bulgaria			28-Mar-23	28-Mar-23		28-Mar-23	28-Mar-23
14.	Burkina Faso				28-Mar-23			
15.	Canada	14-Mar-23		14-Mar-23	14-Mar-23		14-Mar-23	14-Mar-23
16.	Chile						28-Mar-23	28-Mar-23
17.	China	31-Mar-23		31-Mar-23	31-Mar-23	31-Mar-23	31-Mar-23	31-Mar-23
18.	Colombia				31-Mar-23		31-Mar-23	31-Mar-23
19.	Costa Rica						30-Mar-23	30-Mar-23

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AND = aggregate national data.

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OCPF = other chemical production facility.



	State Party	Schedule 1 Facilities	Schedule 1 Transfers	Schedule 2 Plant Sites	Schedule 2 AND <sup>5</sup>	Schedule 3 Plant Sites	Schedule 3 AND	OCPF <sup>6</sup> Update
47.	Netherlands	30-Mar-23		30-Mar-23	30-Mar-23	30-Mar-23	30-Mar-23	30-Mar-23
48.	New Zealand						29-Mar-23	29-Mar-23
49.	Nicaragua*	22-Mar-23*	22-Mar-23*	22-Mar-23*	22-Mar-23*	22-Mar-23*	22-Mar-23*	22-Mar-23*
50.	Oman						28-Mar-23	28-Mar-23
51.	Pakistan	29-Mar-23					29-Mar-23	29-Mar-23
52.	Peru				29-Mar-23		29-Mar-23	29-Mar-23
53.	Philippines						31-Mar-23	
54.	Poland			30-Mar-23	30-Mar-23	30-Mar-23	30-Mar-23	30-Mar-23
55.	Qatar						24-Mar-23	24-Mar-23
56.	Republic of Korea	14-Mar-23 <sup>7</sup>		11-Apr-23	11-Apr-23	11-Apr-23	11-Apr-23	11-Apr-23
57.	Romania				28-Mar-23		28-Mar-23	28-Mar-23
58.	Russian Federation		24-Mar-23	24-Mar-23	24-Mar-23	24-Mar-23	24-Mar-23	24-Mar-23
59.	Saudi Arabia					28-Mar-23	28-Mar-23	28-Mar-23
60.	Slovakia	22-Mar-23				28-Feb-23	28-Feb-23	28-Feb-23
61.	Slovenia <sup>8</sup>			29-Mar-23	29-Mar-23		29-Mar-23	29-Mar-23
62.	South Africa	29-Mar-23			29-Mar-23	29-Mar-23	29-Mar-23	29-Mar-23
63.	Spain	22-Mar-23	22-Mar-23	22-Mar-23	22-Mar-23	22-Mar-23	22-Mar-23	22-Mar-23
64.	Sri Lanka						30-Mar-23	
65.	Sudan*	07-Mar-23*	07-Mar-23*	07-Mar-23*	07-Mar-23*	07-Mar-23*	07-Mar-23*	07-Mar-23*
66.	Sweden	17-Mar-23		17-Mar-23	17-Mar-23	17-Mar-23	17-Mar-23	17-Mar-23
67.	Switzerland	23-Mar-23	23-Mar-23	23-Mar-23	23-Mar-23	23-Mar-23	23-Mar-23	23-Mar-23
68.	Thailand						29-Mar-23	29-Mar-23
69.	Türkiye			29-Mar-23	29-Mar-23	29-Mar-23	29-Mar-23	29-Mar-23
70.	United Arab Emirates						31-Mar-23	31-Mar-23

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In cases in which one regime was declared before the relevant deadline (31 March 2023), the Secretariat considers the whole submission to be on time, including the cases in which other regimes were declared after the deadline.

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This ADPA 2022 was submitted on time but was received by the Secretariat only in May 2023 as a result of technical problems.

	<b>State Party</b>	<b>Schedule 1 Facilities</b>	<b>Schedule 1 Transfers</b>	<b>Schedule 2 Plant Sites</b>	<b>Schedule 2 AND<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>Schedule 3 Plant Sites</b>	<b>Schedule 3 AND</b>	<b>OCPF<sup>6</sup> Update</b>
71.	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	07-Mar-23		07-Mar-23	07-Mar-23	07-Mar-23	07-Mar-23	07-Mar-23
72.	United States of America	08-Mar-23		30-Mar-23	30-Mar-23	30-Mar-23	30-Mar-23	30-Mar-23
73.	Uruguay						30-Mar-23	30-Mar-23
74.	Uzbekistan					31-Jan-23	31-Jan-23	31-Jan-23
75.	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)				28-Mar-23		28-Mar-23	28-Mar-23



## Annex 2

ADDITIONAL SUBMISSIONS OF ANNUAL DECLARATIONS ON PAST ACTIVITIES FOR 2022 (AS AT 31 MAY 2023)<sup>9</sup>

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	OCPF Update
1.	Belgium	06-Apr-23	06-Apr-23	06-Apr-23	06-Apr-23	06-Apr-23	06-Apr-23	06-Apr-23
2.	Cyprus*							05-May-23*
3.	Denmark			5-Apr-23	5-Apr-23		5-Apr-23	5-Apr-23
4.	Indonesia						12-Apr-23	12-Apr-23
5.	Ireland			09-May-23	09-May-23		09-May-23	09-May-23
6.	Jordan						14-Apr-23	14-Apr-23
7.	Kazakhstan					11-Apr-23	11-Apr-23	11-Apr-23
8.	Lebanon*	03-Apr-23*	03-Apr-23*	03-Apr-23*	03-Apr-23*	03-Apr-23*	03-Apr-23*	03-Apr-23*
9.	Madagascar*			28-Apr-23*	28-Apr-23*	28-Apr-23*	28-Apr-23*	
10.	Myanmar						11-Apr-23	11-Apr-23
11.	Serbia	30-May-23					30-May-23	30-May-23
12.	Singapore	30-May-23			30-May-23	30-May-23		30-May-23
13.	Tunisia*			06-Apr-23*	06-Apr-23*	06-Apr-23*	06-Apr-23*	06-Apr-23*
14.	Ukraine				28-Apr-23		28-Apr-23	28-Apr-23
15.	Viet Nam				06-Apr-23		06-Apr-23	06-Apr-23

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