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STATUS REPORT ON THE TIMELY SUBMISSION BY STATES PARTIES OF DECLARATIONS UNDER ARTICLE VI OF THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Note, which is being submitted to the Executive Council (the Council) for consideration at its 105th Session, provides an update on the information and analysis related to the implementation by the Technical Secretariat (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 December 2023.
- 1.2 In response to Council decision EC-51/DEC.1, which requests all States Parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention (the Convention) 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 the annual declaration on past activities (ADPA) for 2022.
- 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 a number of events: four regional meetings of National Authorities (in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, and Latin America and the Caribbean); one training course for representatives of National Authorities on fulfilling Article VI obligations under the Convention (global); one regional training course for National Authority representatives involved in fulfilling Article VI requirements (Latin America and the Caribbean); and the Twenty-Fifth Annual Meeting of National Authorities. Furthermore, the Secretariat has emphasised the importance of the timely submission of declarations during several bilateral meetings with Permanent Representatives and National Authorities.

2. SUBMISSION OF INITIAL DECLARATIONS UNDER ARTICLE VI

During the reporting period, the Secretariat did not receive any initial declarations. As at 31 December 2023, 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 2022 was 31 March 2023. As at that date, the Secretariat had received ADPA 2022 from 75 States Parties, including seven States Parties that notified the Secretariat that they had no declarable facilities or activities (“nil declarations”).¹ An additional 17 States Parties submitted information on declarable facilities or activities for ADPA 2022 after 31 March 2023, and six more States Parties notified the Secretariat that they had no declarable facilities or activities as specified in the Verification Annex to the Convention (the Verification Annex).
- 3.2 As at 31 December 2023, a total of 85 States Parties had submitted declarations for declarable facilities or activities for 2022. Of these, 68 States Parties (80%) were on time in submitting their declarations. The current status of submission of ADPA 2022 is detailed in Annexes 1 and 2 to this report.
- 3.3 The deadlines for the submission of the annual declaration on anticipated activities (ADAA) for 2024 were 2 October 2023 (for Schedule 1 facilities) and 1 November 2023 (for Schedule 2 and 3 plant sites).
- 3.4 As at the deadline of 2 October 2023, 23 out of 24 States Parties that submitted ADAA 2024 for Schedule 1 chemicals and related facilities did so on time (96%).
- 3.5 As at the deadline of 1 November 2023, 36 out of 38 States Parties with declarable plant sites had submitted their ADAA 2024 for Schedule 2 and 3 chemicals. Two States Parties submitted their ADAAs after the deadline. Accordingly, 95% of these declarations were on time. In addition, five States Parties notified the Secretariat that they anticipated no declarable activities with regard to Schedule 2 or 3 facilities in 2024 (all five States Parties’ declarations were within the deadline).
- 3.6 A total of 41 States Parties declared activities and facilities for 2024 in relation to Schedule 1 and/or Schedule 2 and Schedule 3 chemicals, and four more States Parties notified the Secretariat that they anticipated no declarable activities. Of the States Parties with declarable activities, and in regard to their ADAA 2024, 39 (95%) were on time in submitting at least part of their declaration. The status of submission of ADAA 2024 is detailed in Annexes 3 and 4 to this report.
- 3.7 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, five States Parties (Denmark, Ireland, Norway, Singapore, and Ukraine) had submitted such information.

¹ 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.

4. ONGOING EFFORTS TO ASSIST STATES PARTIES

- 4.1 The Secretariat stands ready to hold bilateral meetings with representatives of States Parties with regard to their ADPAs and ADAAs, to offer advice and assistance where needed. Furthermore, the Secretariat provides customised support to those States Parties that encounter difficulties in identifying declarable activities, collecting data for declaration, and preparing and submitting their annual declarations, through bilateral consultations with National Authorities and training of National Authorities' personnel. The Secretariat will continue to work with the States Parties concerned towards the timely submission of complete and accurate annual declarations.
- 4.2 The Secretariat continues to support States Parties in using the Secure Information Exchange System (SIX) for the exchange of confidential information, including declarations. Currently, 118 users from 63 States Parties are registered to use SIX. 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 the Note by the Secretariat S/2202/2023 (dated 16 August 2023). The SIX project team is available to respond to any questions from States Parties and can be contacted via email (six@opcw.org).

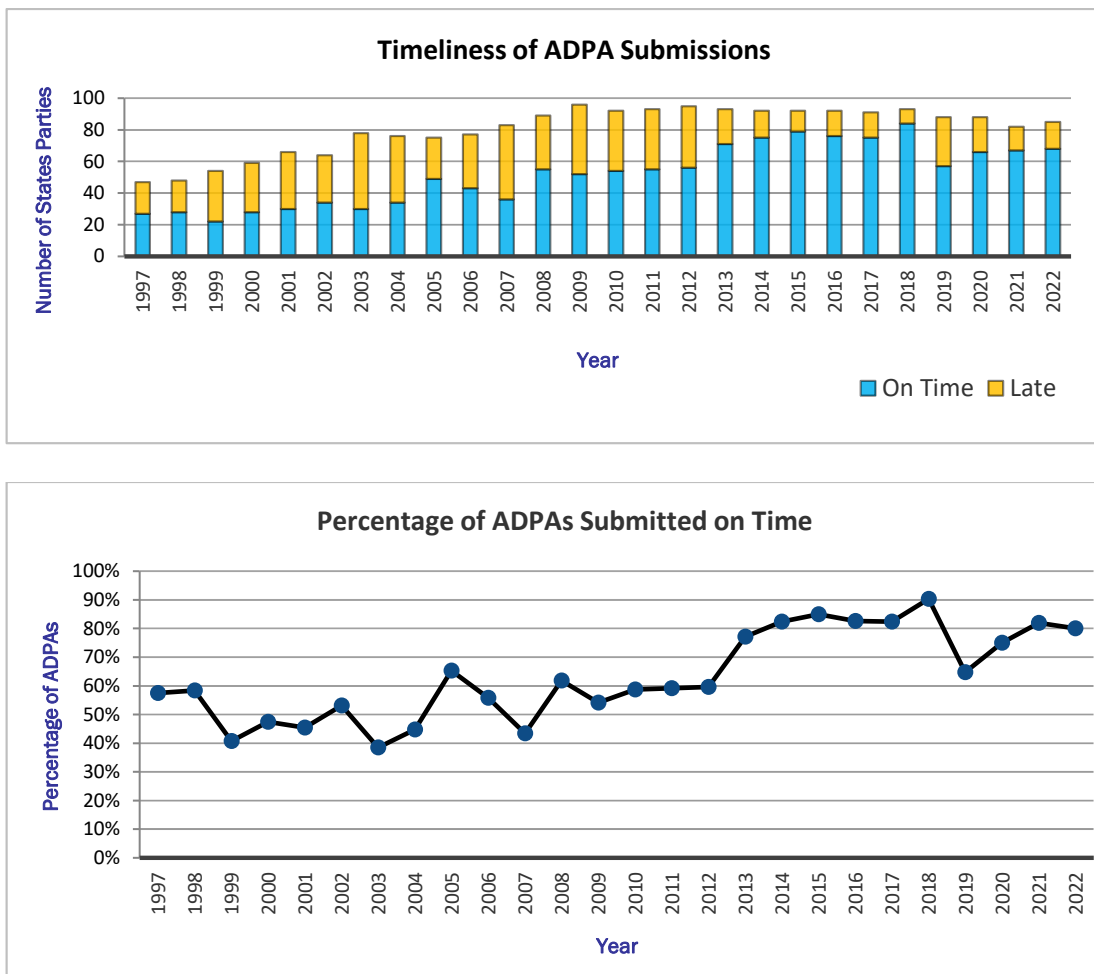
5. ANALYSIS OF TRENDS IN THE TIMELINESS OF PAST ADPA SUBMISSIONS^{2,3}

- 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 reported in ADPA 2022 (as at 31 December 2023) is slightly higher than in ADPA 2021—namely, 85 compared to 82. More statistics on ADPA submissions from 1997 to 2022 are shown in Figure 1 below.

² For Figures 1 to 4, the cut-off date for submissions is 31 December for each of the respective years.

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

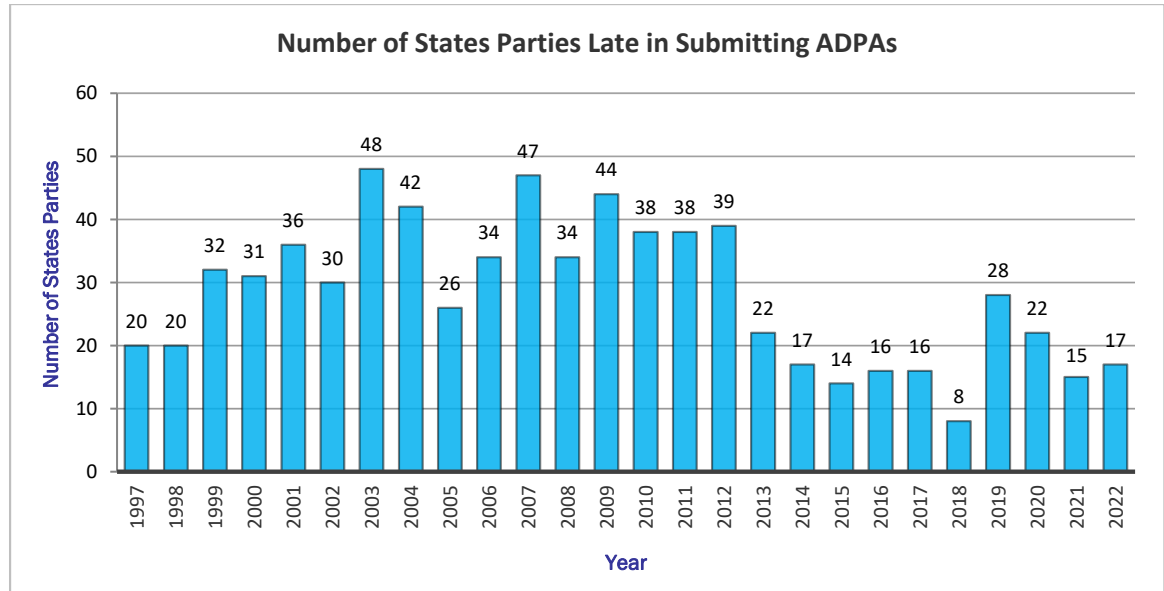
FIGURE 1: OVERVIEW OF SUBMISSIONS OF ADPA 1997 – 2022



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 December 2023, 17 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 nine submitted their declarations more than 30 days after the deadline. An overview of late submissions of ADPA from 1997 to 2022 is provided in Figure 2 below.

FIGURE 2: OVERVIEW OF LATE SUBMISSIONS OF ADPA 1997 – 2022



5.4 For ADAA 2024 for Schedule 1 facilities, 23 States Parties submitted their declarations on time, compared to 22 States Parties for ADAA 2023.

5.5 Regarding ADAA 2024 for Schedule 2 and 3 plant site declarations, 36 States Parties submitted their declarations on time, compared to 37 States Parties for ADAA 2023. Two States Parties submitted their ADAA 2023 after the deadline.

5.6 More statistics on ADAA submissions from 1999 to 2024 are shown below in Figure 3 (for Schedule 1 facilities) and in Figure 4 (for Schedule 2 and Schedule 3 plant sites).

FIGURE 3: OVERVIEW OF SUBMISSIONS OF ADAA FOR SCHEDULE 1 FACILITIES—ADAA 1999 – 2024

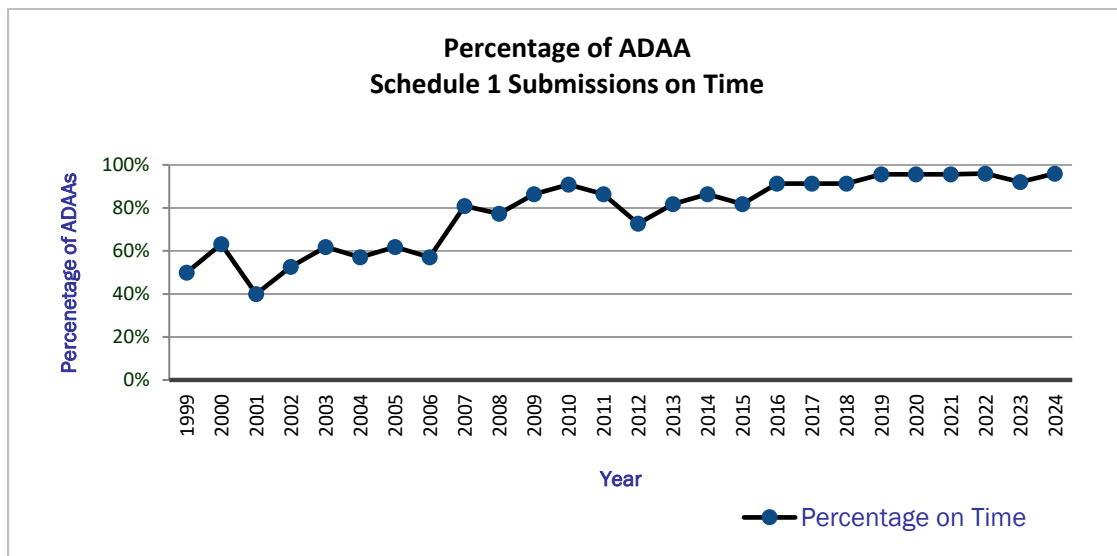
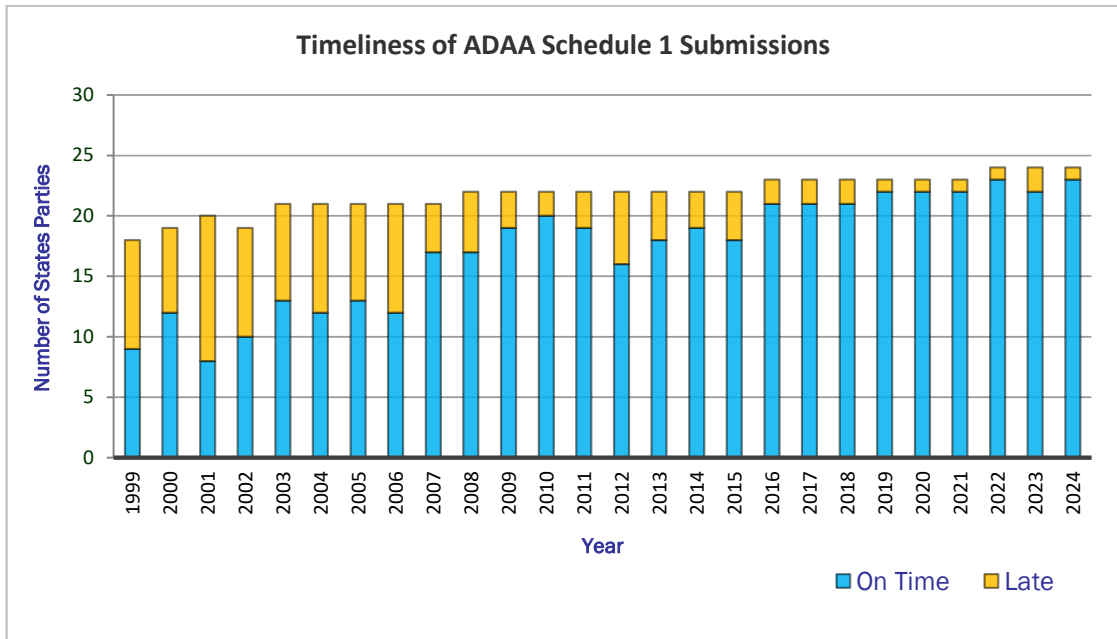
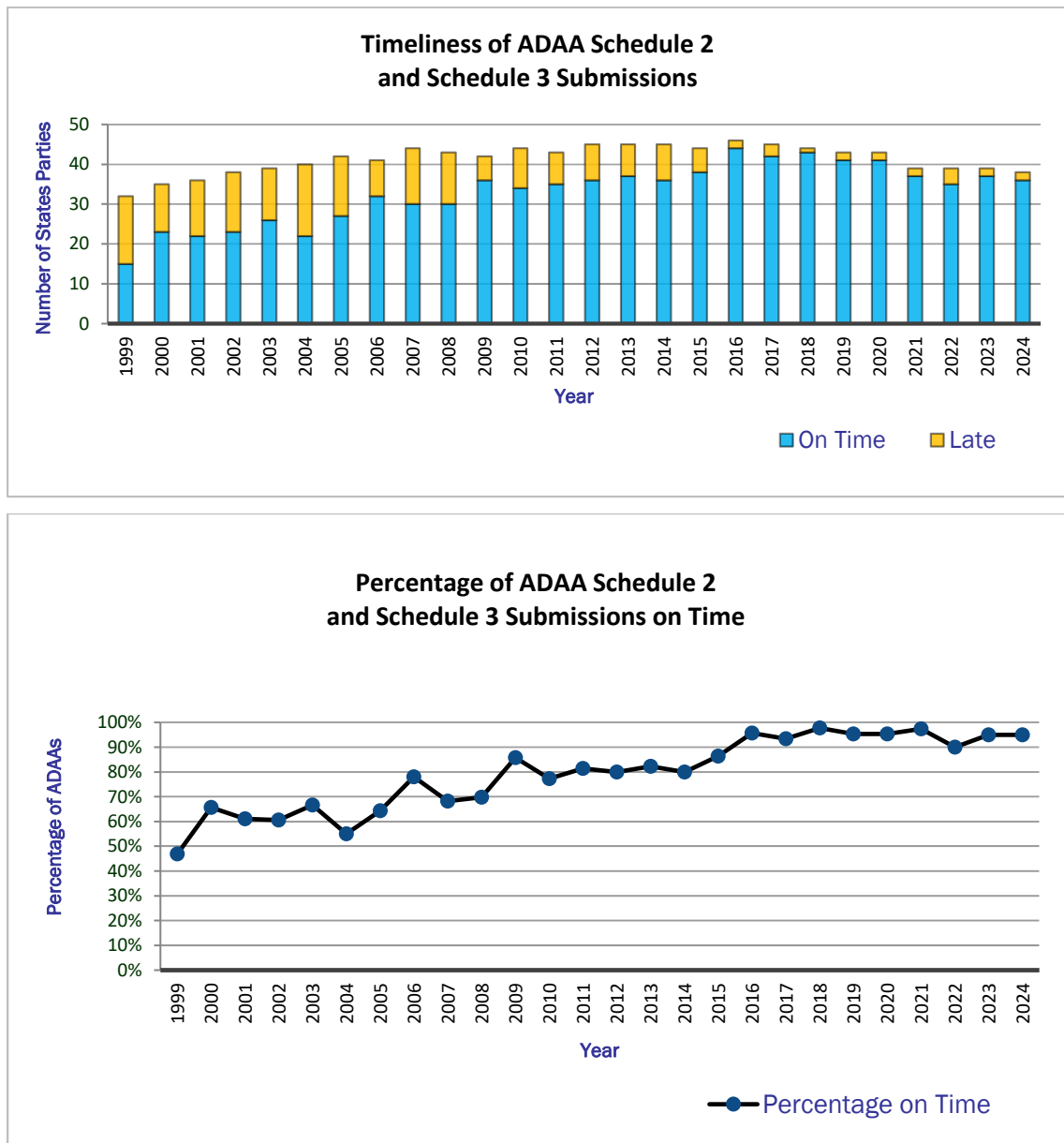


FIGURE 4: OVERVIEW OF SUBMISSIONS OF ADAA FOR SCHEDULE 2 AND SCHEDULE 3 PLANT SITES—ADAA 1999 – 2024



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 December 2023)
- Annex 3: Timely Submissions of Annual Declarations on Anticipated Activities for 2024 (as at 2 October 2023 for Schedule 1 Facilities and 1 November 2023 for Schedule 2 and 3 Plant Sites)
- Annex 4: Additional Submissions of Annual Declarations on Anticipated Activities for 2024 (as at 31 December 2023)

Annex 1

TIMELY SUBMISSIONS OF ANNUAL DECLARATIONS ON PAST ACTIVITIES FOR 2022 (AS AT 31 MARCH 2023)^{4,5}

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 AND⁶	Schedule 3 Plant Sites	Schedule 3 AND	OCPF⁷ 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

⁴ States Parties that submitted ADPA 2022 by the deadline.

⁵ 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.

⁶ AND = aggregate national data.

⁷ OCPF = other chemical production facility.

	State Party	Schedule 1 Facilities	Schedule 1 Transfers	Schedule 2 Plant Sites	Schedule 2 AND⁶	Schedule 3 Plant Sites	Schedule 3 AND	OCPF⁷ Update
19.	Costa Rica						30-Mar-23	30-Mar-23
20.	Croatia		08-Mar-23				08-Mar-23	08-Mar-23
21.	Cuba						13-Mar-23	13-Mar-23
22.	Czech Republic	21-Mar-23		21-Mar-23	21-Mar-23	21-Mar-23	21-Mar-23	21-Mar-23
23.	Dominican Republic						02-Mar-23	
24.	Estonia						14-Mar-23	14-Mar-23
25.	Ethiopia						13-Mar-23	13-Mar-23
26.	Finland	10-Mar-23		10-Mar-23	10-Mar-23		10-Mar-23	10-Mar-23
27.	France	21-Mar-23		21-Mar-23	21-Mar-23	21-Mar-23	21-Mar-23	21-Mar-23
28.	Georgia					24-Feb-23	24-Feb-23	24-Feb-23
29.	Germany		24-Mar-23	24-Mar-23	24-Mar-23	24-Mar-23	24-Mar-23	24-Mar-23
30.	Greece						28-Mar-23	28-Mar-23
31.	Hungary				30-Mar-23	30-Mar-23	30-Mar-23	30-Mar-23
32.	India	24-Feb-23		20-Feb-23	20-Feb-23	20-Feb-23	20-Feb-23	20-Feb-23
33.	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	17-Mar-23				17-Mar-23		17-Mar-23
34.	Iraq						24-Mar-23	24-Mar-23
35.	Italy			30-Mar-23	30-Mar-23	30-Mar-23	30-Mar-23	30-Mar-23
36.	Japan	02-Mar-23		29-Mar-23	29-Mar-23	29-Mar-23	29-Mar-23	29-Mar-23
37.	Kenya						28-Feb-23	28-Feb-23
38.	Latvia							08-Mar-23
39.	Libya							30-Mar-23
40.	Liechtenstein*			08-Mar-23*	08-Mar-23*	08-Mar-23*	08-Mar-23*	08-Mar-23*
41.	Malaysia				29-Mar-23	29-Mar-23	29-Mar-23	29-Mar-23
42.	Mauritania*	26-Jan-23*		26-Jan-23*	26-Jan-23*	26-Jan-23*	26-Jan-23*	26-Jan-23*
43.	Mauritius						20-Mar-23	
44.	Mexico			22-Mar-23	22-Mar-23	22-Mar-23	22-Mar-23	22-Mar-23
45.	Morocco						30-Mar-23	30-Mar-23
46.	Namibia*	23-Mar-23*	23-Mar-23*	23-Mar-23*	23-Mar-23*	23-Mar-23*	23-Mar-23*	23-Mar-23*
47.	Netherlands	30-Mar-23		30-Mar-23	30-Mar-23	30-Mar-23	30-Mar-23	30-Mar-23

	State Party	Schedule 1 Facilities	Schedule 1 Transfers	Schedule 2 Plant Sites	Schedule 2 AND⁶	Schedule 3 Plant Sites	Schedule 3 AND	OCPF⁷ Update
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		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			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	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
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 DECEMBER 2023)⁸**

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.	Bahamas*	17-Nov-23*		17-Nov-23*		17-Nov-23*		
2.	Belgium	06-Apr-23	06-Apr-23	06-Apr-23	06-Apr-23	06-Apr-23	06-Apr-23	06-Apr-23
3.	Cyprus*							05-May-23*
4.	Denmark			05-Apr-23	05-Apr-23		05-Apr-23	05-Apr-23
5.	Guatemala						22-Nov-23	
6.	Indonesia						12-Apr-23	12-Apr-23
7.	Ireland			09-May-23	09-May-23		09-May-23	09-May-23
8.	Jordan						14-Apr-23	14-Apr-23
9.	Kazakhstan					11-Apr-23	11-Apr-23	11-Apr-23
10.	Kuwait				06-Jul-23		06-Jul-23	06-Jul-23
11.	Lebanon*	03-Apr-23*	03-Apr-23*	03-Apr-23*	03-Apr-23*	03-Apr-23*	03-Apr-23*	03-Apr-23*
12.	Madagascar*			28-Apr-23*	28-Apr-23*	28-Apr-23*	28-Apr-23*	
13.	Malta						19-Jun-23	
14.	Myanmar						11-Apr-23	11-Apr-23
15.	Norway	06-Jun-23		19-Jun-23	19-Jun-23		19-Jun-23	19-Jun-23
16.	Panama						14-Aug-23	
17.	Portugal					06-Jul-23	06-Jul-23	06-Jul-23
18.	Serbia	30-May-23					30-May-23	30-May-23
19.	Singapore	30-May-23			30-May-23	30-May-23		30-May-23
20.	Tajikistan*	31-May-23*	31-May-23*	31-May-23*	31-May-23*	31-May-23*	31-May-23*	31-May-23*
21.	Tunisia*			06-Apr-23*	06-Apr-23*	06-Apr-23*	06-Apr-23*	06-Apr-23*
22.	Ukraine				28-Apr-23		28-Apr-23	28-Apr-23
23.	Viet Nam				06-Apr-23		06-Apr-23	06-Apr-23

⁸ States Parties that submitted ADPA 2022 after the deadline and up to and including 31 December 2023.

Annex 3

**TIMELY SUBMISSIONS OF ANNUAL DECLARATIONS ON ANTICIPATED
ACTIVITIES FOR 2024 (AS AT 2 OCTOBER 2023 FOR SCHEDULE 1 FACILITIES
AND 1 NOVEMBER 2023 FOR SCHEDULE 2 AND 3 PLANT SITES)⁹**

In the table below, an asterisk (*) denotes the submission of a nil declaration.

	State Party	Schedule 1 Facilities	Schedule 2 Plant Sites	Schedule 3 Plant Sites
1.	Algeria*		18-Oct-23*	18-Oct-23*
2.	Argentina		04-Oct-23	04-Oct-23
3.	Australia	14-Sept-23	30-Oct-23	30-Oct-23
4.	Austria	22-Sept-23	31-Oct-23	
5.	Belarus			20-Oct-23
6.	Belgium	27-Sept-23		
7.	Brazil		12-Sept-23	12-Sept-23
8.	Bulgaria		26-Oct-23	
9.	Canada	12-Sept-23	12-Sept-23	
10.	China	28-Sept-23	28-Sept-23	28-Sept-23
11.	Czech Republic	18-Sept-23	17-Oct-23	17-Oct-23
12.	Denmark		25-Oct-23	
13.	Finland	19-Sept-23	19-Sept-23	
14.	France	05-Sept-23	13-Oct-23	13-Oct-23
15.	Georgia			09-Oct-23
16.	Germany		31-Oct-23	31-Oct-23
17.	Hungary		30-Oct-23	30-Oct-23
18.	India	29-Aug-23	25-Sept-23	25-Sept-23
19.	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	26-Sept-23	26-Sept-23	26-Sept-23
20.	Italy		31-Oct-23	31-Oct-23
21.	Japan	14-Sept-23	27-Oct-23	27-Oct-23
22.	Latvia*		25-Oct-23*	25-Oct-23*
23.	Malaysia			29-Sept-23
24.	Mexico		04-Oct-23	04-Oct-23
25.	Netherlands	25-Sept-23	25-Sept-23	25-Sept-23
26.	Norway	27-Sept-23	27-Sept-23	
27.	Pakistan	27-Sept-23		
28.	Poland		30-Oct-23	30-Oct-23
29.	Qatar*		30-Oct-23*	30-Oct-23*
30.	Republic of Korea	26-Sept-23	26-Oct-23	26-Oct-23
31.	Russian Federation		20-Oct-23	20-Oct-23
32.	Saudi Arabia			22-Oct-23
33.	Singapore	14-Aug-23	20-Oct-23	20-Oct-23*
34.	Slovakia	22-Sept-23	22-Sept-23*	22-Sept-23*
35.	Slovenia		26-Oct-23	
36.	South Africa	29-Sept-23		29-Sept-23

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States Parties that submitted ADAA 2024 by the deadline.

	State Party	Schedule 1 Facilities	Schedule 2 Plant Sites	Schedule 3 Plant Sites
37.	Spain	26-Sept-23	24-Oct-23	24-Oct-23
38.	Sri Lanka*		01-Nov-23*	01-Nov-23*
39.	Sweden	21-Sept-23	19-Oct-23	19-Oct-23
40.	Switzerland	30-Aug-23	12-Oct-23	12-Oct-23
41.	Türkiye		20-Oct-23	20-Oct-23
42.	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	30-Aug-23	09-Oct-23	09-Oct-23
43.	United States of America	27-Sept-23	16-Oct-23	16-Oct-23

Annex 4

**ADDITIONAL SUBMISSIONS OF ANNUAL DECLARATIONS ON
ANTICIPATED ACTIVITIES FOR 2024 (AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023)¹⁰**

In the table below, an asterisk (*) denotes the submission of a nil declaration.

	State Party	Schedule 1 Facilities	Schedule 2 Plant Sites	Schedule 3 Plant Sites
1.	Algeria*	18-Oct-23*		
2.	Belgium		03-Nov-23	03-Nov-23
3.	Latvia*	25-Oct-23*		
4.	Qatar*	30-Oct-23*		
5.	Serbia	24-Nov-23		
6.	Sri Lanka*	01-Nov-23*		
7.	Thailand			03-Nov-23

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¹⁰ States Parties that submitted ADAA 2024 after the deadline and up to and including 31 December 2023.