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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 2025

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Note, which is being submitted to the Executive Council (the Council) for consideration at its 109th 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 1 January to 31 May 2025.
- 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-92/25, dated 16 January 2025) reminding them of the requirements of the decision and of the deadline for submission of annual declarations on past activities (ADPAs) for 2024.
- 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 2025, only one State Party, Tonga, had yet to submit its initial declaration under Article VI of the Chemical Weapons Convention (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 submissions for 2024 was 31 March 2025. As at that date, the Secretariat had received ADPA submissions for 2024 from 69 States Parties with declarable activities in 2024. In addition, seven States Parties informed the Secretariat that they had no declarable activities ("nil" declarations). After 31 March 2025, an additional 14 States Parties submitted information on declarable facilities or activities, and 3 States Parties submitted a nil declaration for ADPA submissions for 2024, in accordance with the Verification Annex to the Convention.
- In summary, between 1 January and 31 May 2025, a total of 83 States Parties had submitted declarations on declarable activities for 2024. Of these 83 States Parties, 69 (83%) were on time in submitting at least part of their declaration. The status of ADPA submissions for 2024 is detailed in Annexes 1 and 2 to this report.
- 3.3 The deadlines for the submission of annual declarations on anticipated activities for 2025 were 2 October 2024 (for Schedule 1 facilities) and 1 November 2024 (for Schedule 2 and 3 plant sites). Since the 108th Session of the Council, one State Party has declared activities and facilities for 2025.
- 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 ADPA submissions for 2024, one State Party (Denmark) had submitted such information.

4. ONGOING EFFORTS TO ASSIST STATES PARTIES

- 4.1 The Secretariat stands ready to offer 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 the States Parties that 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 126 active users of SIX from 67 States Parties. As at 31 May 2025, the system had been used by 43 States Parties for ADPA submissions for 2024. Further details and updates regarding the system are available in Note by the Secretariat S/2404/2025 (dated 16 May 2025). The SIX project team is available for questions from States Parties and can be contacted via email (six@opcw.org).

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^{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 in ADPA submissions for 2024 is the same as in ADPA submissions for 2023, namely, 83 as at 31 May for each of the respective years. More statistics on ADPA submissions from 1997 to 2024 are shown in Figures 1 and 2 below.

FIGURE 1: OVERVIEW OF SUBMISSIONS OF ADPAS IN 1997 – 2024

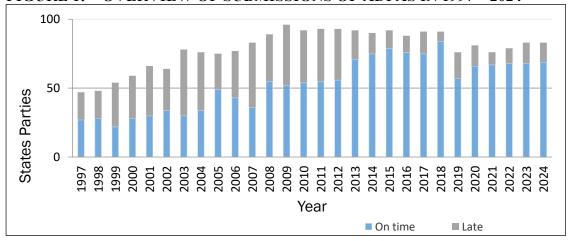
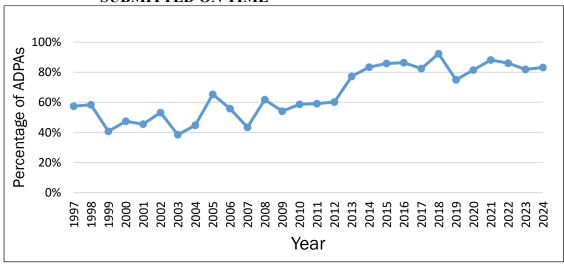


FIGURE 2: OVERVIEW OF THE PERCENTAGE OF ADPAS IN 1997 – 2024 SUBMITTED ON TIME



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

For Figures 1 to 3, the cut-off date for submissions is 31 May for each of the respective years.

- 5.2 In order to highlight the importance of timely submissions, and for verification purposes, the Secretariat contacted eight States Parties that had declarable activities in 2023 and did not submit their ADPAs for 2024, seeking clarification as to whether those activities remained declarable in 2024.
- As at 31 May 2025, 14 States Parties were late in submitting declarable activities for ADPAs for 2024; 10 of these States Parties submitted their declarations within 30 days of the deadline, and 4 submitted their declarations more than 30 days after the deadline. An overview of late submissions of ADPAs from 1997 to 2024 is provided in Figure 3 below.

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FIGURE 3: OVERVIEW OF LATE SUBMISSIONS OF ADPAS IN 1997 – 2024

Annexes:

Annex 1: Timely Submissions of Annual Declarations on Past Activities for 2024 (as at 31 March 2025)

Annex 2: Additional Submissions of Annual Declarations on Past Activities for 2024 (as at 31 May 2025)

Annex 1

TIMELY SUBMISSIONS OF ANNUAL DECLARATIONS ON PAST ACTIVITIES FOR 2024 (AS AT 31 MARCH 2025)

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

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	State Party	Facilities	Transfers	Plant Sites	AND^4	Plant Sites	AND	Update
1.	Albania*	18-Mar-25*		18-Mar-25*	18-Mar-25*	18-Mar-25*	18-Mar-25*	18-Mar-25*
2.	Algeria						19-Mar-25	19-Mar-25
3.	Argentina			31-Mar-25	31-Mar-25	31-Mar-25	31-Mar-25	31-Mar-25
4.	Armenia*	28-Mar-25*		28-Mar-25*		28-Mar-25*		28-Mar-25*
5.	Australia	28-Mar-25		28-Mar-25	28-Mar-25	28-Mar-25	28-Mar-25	28-Mar-25
6.	Austria	31-Mar-25		31-Mar-25	31-Mar-25	31-Mar-25	31-Mar-25	31-Mar-25
7.	Bangladesh						27-Mar-25	27-Mar-25
8.	Belarus					26-Feb-25	26-Feb-25	26-Feb-25
9.	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)						24-Mar-25	
10.	Bosnia and Herzegovina							19-Mar-25
11.	Brazil			20-Mar-25	20-Mar-25	20-Mar-25	20-Mar-25	20-Mar-25
12.	Bulgaria			26-Mar-25	26-Mar-25		26-Mar-25	26-Mar-25
13.	Canada	31-Mar-25		31-Mar-25	31-Mar-25		31-Mar-25	31-Mar-25
14.	Chile						07-Mar-25	07-Mar-25
15.	China	12-Mar-25		21-Mar-25	21-Mar-25	21-Mar-25	21-Mar-25	21-Mar-25
16.	Colombia				28-Mar-25		28-Mar-25	28-Mar-25
17.	Costa Rica						27-Mar-25	27-Mar-25
18.	Croatia						26-Mar-25	26-Mar-25
19.	Cuba						29-Mar-25	29-Mar-25
20.	Cyprus*	17-Mar-25*		17-Mar-25*	17-Mar-25*	17-Mar-25*	17-Mar-25*	17-Mar-25*
21.	Czech Republic	26-Mar-25		26-Mar-25	26-Mar-25	26-Mar-25	26-Mar-25	26-Mar-25

AND = aggregate national data.

 $\label{eq:ocp} OCPF = other\ chemical\ production\ facility.$

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		Schedule 1	Schedule 1	Schedule 2	Schedule 2	Schedule 3	Schedule 3	$OCPF^5$
	State Party	Facilities	Transfers	Plant Sites	\mathbf{AND}^4	Plant Sites	AND	Update
22.	Dominican Republic						14-Mar-25	
23.	El Salvador						24-Feb-25	
24.	Estonia							19-Mar-25
25.	Ethiopia						30-Mar-25	30-Mar-25
26.	Finland	20-Feb-25		20-Feb-25	20-Feb-25		20-Feb-25	20-Feb-25
27.	France	07-Mar-25	07-Mar-25	28-Mar-25	28-Mar-25	28-Mar-25	28-Mar-25	28-Mar-25
28.	Georgia					11-Mar-25	11-Mar-25	11-Mar-25
29.	Germany		03-Mar-25	28-Mar-25	28-Mar-25	28-Mar-25	28-Mar-25	28-Mar-25
30.	Greece						27-Mar-25	27-Mar-25
31.	Hungary			19-Mar-25	19-Mar-25	19-Mar-25	19-Mar-25	19-Mar-25
32.	India	28-Mar-25		28-Mar-25	28-Mar-25	28-Mar-25	28-Mar-25	28-Mar-25
33.	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	05-Mar-25		05-Mar-25		05-Mar-25	05-Mar-25	05-Mar-25
34.	Italy			28-Mar-25	28-Mar-25	28-Mar-25	28-Mar-25	28-Mar-25
35.	Japan	25-Mar-25		28-Mar-25	28-Mar-25	28-Mar-25	28-Mar-25	28-Mar-25
36.	Kenya						28-Mar-25	28-Mar-25
37.	Libya							31-Mar-25
38.	Liechtenstein*			$25-Mar-25^*$	$25-Mar-25^*$	25-Mar-25*	$25-Mar-25^*$	25-Mar-25*
39.	Malaysia				24-Mar-25	24-Mar-25	24-Mar-25	24-Mar-25
40.	Mauritania*	$12\text{-Feb-}25^*$		$12 - \text{Feb} - 25^*$	$12 ext{-Feb-}25^*$	12-Feb-25*	$12 ext{-Feb-}25^*$	12-Feb-25*
41.	Mauritius						11-Feb-25	
42.	Mexico			15-Mar-25	15-Mar-25	15-Mar-25	15-Mar-25	15-Mar-25
43.	Morocco						27-Mar-25	27-Mar-25
44.	Netherlands	26-Mar-25	26-Mar-25	26-Mar-25	26-Mar-25	26-Mar-25	26-Mar-25	26-Mar-25
45.	New Zealand				25-Mar-25		25-Mar-25	25-Mar-25
46.	Nicaragua*	17-Mar-25*		$17\text{-Mar-}25^*$	$17\text{-Mar-}25^*$	17-Mar-25*	$17\text{-Mar-}25^*$	17-Mar-25*
47.	Norway	27-Mar-25	27-Mar-25	27-Mar-25	27-Mar-25		27-Mar-25	27-Mar-25
48.	Pakistan	28-Mar-25					28-Mar-25	28-Mar-25
49.	Panama						28-Mar-25	
50.	Peru				29-Mar-25		29-Mar-25	29-Mar-25

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	State Party	Schedule 1 Facilities	Transfers	Schedule 2 Plant Sites	Schedule 2 AND ⁴	Plant Sites	Scriedule 3 AND	OC PF Update
51.	Philippines						31-Mar-25	
52.	Poland			27-Mar-25	27-Mar-25	27-Mar-25	27-Mar-25	27-Mar-25
53.	Portugal		30-Mar-25	30-Mar-25		30-Mar-25	30-Mar-25	30-Mar-25
54.	Qatar						17-Mar-25	17-Mar-25
55.	Republic of Korea	20-Mar-25		28-Mar-25	28-Mar-25	28-Mar-25	28-Mar-25	28-Mar-25
56.	Romania			06-Mar-25	06-Mar-25		06-Mar-25	06-Mar-25
57.	Russian Federation		11-Mar-25	11-Mar-25	11-Mar-25	11-Mar-25	11-Mar-25	11-Mar-25
58.	Saudi Arabia					20-Feb-25	20-Feb-25	20-Feb-25
59.	Seychelles						28-Mar-25	
60.	Slovakia	12-Mar-25		12-Mar-25*		12-Mar-25	12-Mar-25	12-Mar-25
61.	Slovenia			24-Mar-25	24-Mar-25		24-Mar-25	24-Mar-25
62.	South Africa	27-Mar-25	27-Mar-25		27-Mar-25	27-Mar-25	27-Mar-25	27-Mar-25
63.	Spain	12-Mar-25	12-Mar-25	12-Mar-25	12-Mar-25	12-Mar-25	12-Mar-25	12-Mar-25
64.	Sri Lanka						28-Mar-25	
65.	Sudan*	24-Feb-25*		$24-\text{Feb-}25^*$	24-Feb-25*	24-Feb-25*	$24 ever - Feb - 25^*$	24-Feb-25*
.99	Sweden	28-Mar-25		28-Mar-25	28-Mar-25	28-Mar-25	28-Mar-25	28-Mar-25
67.	Switzerland	12-Mar-25	12-Mar-25	12-Mar-25	12-Mar-25	12-Mar-25	12-Mar-25	12-Mar-25
68.	Thailand					27-Mar-25	27-Mar-25	27-Mar-25
.69	Türkiye			27-Mar-25	27-Mar-25	27-Mar-25	27-Mar-25	27-Mar-25
70.	Ukraine					28-Mar-25	28-Mar-25	28-Mar-25
71.	United Arab Emirates						26-Mar-25	26-Mar-25
72.	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	18-Mar-25		18-Mar-25	18-Mar-25	18-Mar-25*	18-Mar-25	18-Mar-25
73.	United States of America	17-Mar-25	28-Mar-25	28-Mar-25	28-Mar-25	28-Mar-25	28-Mar-25	28-Mar-25
74.	Uruguay						25-Mar-25	25-Mar-25
75.	Uzbekistan					05-Dec-24		05-Dec-24
76.	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)						10-Feb-25	10-Feb-25

Annex 2

ADDITIONAL SUBMISSIONS OF ANNUAL DECLARATIONS ON PAST ACTIVITIES FOR 2024 (AS AT 31 MAY 2025) 6

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

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	State Party	Schedule 1 Facilities	Schedule 1 Transfers	Schedule 2 Plant Sites	Schedule 2 AND	Schedule 3 Plant Sites	Schedule 3 AND	OCFF Update
1.	Belgium	01-Apr-25		01-Apr-25	01-Apr-25	01-Apr-25	01-Apr-25	01-Apr-25
2.	Burkina Faso*	03-Apr-25*		03-Apr-25*	03-Apr-25*	03-Apr-25*	$03-Apr-25^*$	$03-Apr-25^*$
3.	Denmark			16-Apr-25	16-Apr-25		16-Apr-25	16-Apr-25
4.	Ecuador						30-May-25	
5.	Guatemala				13-May-25		13-May-25	
6.	Iraq						01-Apr-25	01-Apr-25
7.	Ireland			02-Apr-25	02-Apr-25	$02-Apr-25^*$	02-Apr-25	02-Apr-25
8.	Jordan						07-Apr-25	07-Apr-25
9.	Latvia			01-Apr-25*				01-Apr-25
10.	Lebanon*	$02\text{-Apr-}25^*$		$02-Apr-25^*$	02-Apr-25*	$02\text{-Apr-}25^*$	$02\text{-Apr-}25^*$	$02\text{-Apr-}25^*$
11.	Lithuania						18-Apr-25	18-Apr-25
12.	Maldives*			$27-May-25^*$	27-May-25*	27-May-25*	27-May-25*	
13.	Nigeria						05-May-25	
14.	Oman						08-Apr-25	08-Apr-25
15.	Singapore	04-Apr-25		04-Apr-25	04-Apr-25*		04-Apr-25	04-Apr-25
16.	Tunisia				15-May-25		15-May-25	
17.	Viet Nam						29-Apr-25	29-Apr-25

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