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REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL**STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE VII OF THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION AS AT 31 JULY 2025: INITIAL MEASURES****1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 In operative paragraph 1 of the decision on the follow-up to the plan of action regarding the implementation of obligations under Article VII of the Chemical Weapons Convention (the Convention) (C-10/DEC.16, dated 11 November 2005), the Conference of the States Parties (the Conference) stressed that it was imperative for States Parties that had yet to fulfil their obligations under Article VII to do so without delay.
- 1.2 The Third Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention (the Third Review Conference) “[e]ncouraged the Secretariat to explore innovative methods of providing assistance on tailor-made approaches as a potential means to further advance the implementation of Article VII” (subparagraph 9.103(c) of RC-3/3*, dated 19 April 2013). Furthermore, the Technical Secretariat (the Secretariat) was requested to “continue to submit its annual report on the implementation of Article VII to the Conference, and ... to include an assessment in this report, for consideration by the policy-making organs, containing a comprehensive and objective analysis of the current status of national implementation, with a view to tracking the progress made and formulation of focused assistance programmes” (subparagraph 9.103(h) of RC-3/3*).
- 1.3 Pursuant to the request received from the Third Review Conference, and in close cooperation with States Parties, the Secretariat has updated the two matrices included in the annual reports and, as invited by the Conference (paragraph 8 of C-14/DEC.12, dated 4 December 2009), is presenting them in two concurrent reports—this one addressing the initial measures taken by States Parties in accordance with Article VII, and the second listing additional measures (EC-110/DG.8 C-30/DG.9, dated 26 August 2025).

2. LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLEMENTATION

- 2.1 This document provides an update on the status of and progress in adopting the initial measures that are necessary for all States Parties to implement in order to achieve the objectives set forth in the Convention.
- 2.2 The information is based on the responses received from States Parties to the note verbale sent by the Secretariat on 17 March 2025 requesting them to provide updates on the status of implementation of Article VII and to fill in the matrices attached to the note verbale. As at the cut-off date of the current report (31 July 2025), 136 States Parties had replied to the note verbale (see Table 1 below).



TABLE 1: STATES PARTIES THAT SUBMITTED RESPONSES TO THE SECRETARIAT

1.	Albania	35.	Dominican Republic	69.	Malawi	103.	Samoa
2.	Algeria	36.	El Salvador	70.	Malaysia	104.	San Marino
3.	Andorra	37.	Estonia	71.	Maldives	105.	Saudi Arabia
4.	Angola	38.	Eswatini	72.	Malta	106.	Serbia
5.	Argentina	39.	Ethiopia	73.	Marshall Islands	107.	Seychelles
6.	Armenia	40.	Finland	74.	Mauritania	108.	Sierra Leone
7.	Australia	41.	France	75.	Mauritius	109.	Singapore
8.	Austria	42.	Georgia	76.	Mexico	110.	Slovakia
9.	Bahamas	43.	Germany	77.	Monaco	111.	Slovenia
10.	Belarus	44.	Ghana	78.	Mongolia	112.	South Africa
11.	Belgium	45.	Greece	79.	Montenegro	113.	Spain
12.	Bhutan	46.	Grenada	80.	Morocco	114.	Sri Lanka
13.	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	47.	Guatemala	81.	Namibia	115.	State of Palestine
14.	Bosnia and Herzegovina	48.	Holy See	82.	Netherlands	116.	Sudan
15.	Botswana	49.	Hungary	83.	New Zealand	117.	Suriname
16.	Brazil	50.	Iceland	84.	Nicaragua	118.	Sweden
17.	Bulgaria	51.	India	85.	Niger	119.	Switzerland
18.	Burkina Faso	52.	Indonesia	86.	Nigeria	120.	Tajikistan
19.	Burundi	53.	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	87.	North Macedonia	121.	Thailand
20.	Cambodia	54.	Iraq	88.	Norway	122.	Timor-Leste
21.	Canada	55.	Ireland	89.	Oman	123.	Togo
22.	Chile	56.	Italy	90.	Pakistan	124.	Trinidad and Tobago
23.	China	57.	Japan	91.	Panama	125.	Türkiye
24.	Colombia	58.	Jordan	92.	Paraguay	126.	Tuvalu
25.	Cook Islands	59.	Kenya	93.	Peru	127.	Uganda
26.	Costa Rica	60.	Kyrgyzstan	94.	Philippines	128.	United Arab Emirates
27.	Côte d'Ivoire	61.	Lao People's Democratic Republic	95.	Poland	129.	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
28.	Croatia	62.	Latvia	96.	Portugal	130.	United States of America
29.	Cuba	63.	Lebanon	97.	Qatar	131.	Uruguay
30.	Cyprus	64.	Liberia	98.	Republic of Korea	132.	Uzbekistan
31.	Czech Republic	65.	Libya	99.	Romania	133.	Vanuatu
32.	Denmark	66.	Liechtenstein	100.	Russian Federation	134.	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
33.	Djibouti	67.	Lithuania	101.	Rwanda	135.	Viet Nam
34.	Dominica	68.	Madagascar	102.	Saint Kitts and Nevis	136.	Zimbabwe

- 2.3 The global status of the relevant elements of legislative and administrative implementation, as at 31 July 2025, is reflected in the tables below.

TABLE 2: OVERVIEW OF THE LEGISLATIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION

Article VII(5) submission received ¹	184 (95%)
Legislation covers all initial measures	130 (67%)
Legislation covers some initial measures	36 (19%)
No legislation	27 (14%)
Legislation covers one or more additional measures	126
Text of adopted measures provided	159 (82%)

TABLE 3: STATUS OF ELEMENTS OF LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLEMENTATION UNDER THE PURVIEW OF THE PRESENT REPORT (AS AT 31 JULY 2025)

Indicators		Number and Percentage of States Parties Having Implemented the Measure
Definitions		
Chemical Weapons		148 (77%) in full 6 (3%) in part
Toxic Chemical		143 (74%) in full 10 (5%) in part
Precursor		141 (73%) in full 9 (5%) in part
Purposes Not Prohibited		139 (72%) in full 6 (3%) in part
Scheduled Chemicals Regime		
Reporting on Transfers	Schedule 1	136 (70%) in full 9 (5%) in part
	Schedule 2	133 (69%) in full 11 (6%) in part
	Schedule 3	134 (69%) in full 11 (6%) in part
Prohibitions and Penalties		
Prohibitions	Chemical Weapons	153 (79%) in full 8 (4%) in part
	Scheduled Chemicals	140 (73%) in full 11 (6%) in part
Penalties	Chemical Weapons	150 (78%) in full 11 (6%) in part
	Scheduled Chemicals	139 (72%) in full 12 (6%) in part

¹

Refers to the number of submissions received since adoption in 2009 of C-14/DEC.12 “On National Implementation Measures of Article VII Obligations” by the Conference at its Fourteenth Session, in which the Conference invited the Secretariat to provide annual reports on the status of implementation of Article VII of the Convention.

Indicators	Number and Percentage of States Parties Having Implemented the Measure
Other Initial Measures	
Extraterritoriality	132 (68%) in full 9 (5%) in part
Legal basis for regulations	142 (74%) in full 10 (5%) in part
Establishment/Designation of National Authority	192 (99%)

TABLE 4: EXPLANATION OF COLUMN HEADINGS IN THE TABLES CONTAINED IN THE ANNEX TO THIS REPORT

Column Heading		Explanation
Definitions		
Chemical Weapons		“X” indicates that the legislation of the State Party in question contains a definition of chemical weapons that fully reflects the meaning of <i>chemical weapons</i> as defined by paragraph 1 of Article II of the Convention.
Toxic Chemical		“X” indicates that the legislation of the State Party in question contains a definition of toxic chemical that fully reflects the meaning of <i>toxic chemical</i> as defined by paragraph 2 of Article II of the Convention.
Precursor		“X” indicates that the legislation of the State Party in question contains a definition of precursor that fully reflects the meaning of <i>precursor</i> as defined by paragraph 3 of Article II of the Convention.
Purposes Not Prohibited		“X” indicates that the legislation of the State Party in question contains a definition of purposes not prohibited that fully reflects the meaning of <i>purposes not prohibited</i> under the Convention as defined by paragraph 9 of Article II of the Convention.
Scheduled Chemicals Regime		
Reporting on Transfers	Schedule 1	“X” indicates that the national legislation ensures that the State Party is in a position to fulfil the prior reporting requirements concerning transfers of Schedule 1 chemicals (see paragraphs 5 and 5bis of Part VI of the Verification Annex to the Convention (the Verification Annex)) and to provide all information that is to be included in the declaration required by paragraph 6 of Part VI of the Verification Annex and that a sanction is applicable in the event of non-compliance with that legislation by natural and legal persons.
	Schedule 2	“X” indicates that the national legislation ensures that the State Party is in a position to provide all transfer-related information that is to be included in annual declarations required by paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part VII of the Verification Annex and that a sanction is applicable in the event of non-compliance with that legislation by natural and legal persons.

Column Heading		Explanation
	Schedule 3	“X” indicates that the national legislation ensures that the State Party is in a position to provide all transfer-related information that is to be included in declarations pursuant to paragraph 1 of Part VIII of the Verification Annex and that a sanction is applicable in the event of non-compliance with that legislation by natural and legal persons.
Prohibitions and Penalties		
	Chemical Weapons	Scheduled Chemicals
Prohibitions	“X” indicates that the activities prohibited to States Parties under paragraph 1 of Article I of the Convention are prohibited by that State Party to natural and legal persons in accordance with subparagraph 1(a) of Article VII.	“X” indicates that the activities prohibited to States Parties under: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) paragraphs 1 to 4 of Part VI of the Verification Annex (Schedule 1-related); (b) paragraph 31 of Part VII of the Verification Annex (Schedule 2-related);² and (c) paragraph 26 of Part VIII of the Verification Annex (i.e., the export of Schedule 3 chemicals to States not Party without appropriate assurance that they will only be used for purposes not prohibited under the Convention),³ are all prohibited by that State Party to natural and legal persons in accordance with subparagraph 1(a) of Article VII.
Penalties	“X” indicates that penal sanctions are applicable in the event of violation of the above prohibitions.	“X” indicates that penal sanctions are applicable in the event of violation of the above prohibitions.
Other Initial Measures		
Extraterritoriality	“X” indicates that the State Party has extended its penal legislation enacted in accordance with subparagraph 1(a) of Article VII to any activity undertaken anywhere by natural persons possessing its nationality.	
Legal basis for regulations	“X” indicates that legislation of the State Party contains provisions that enable the relevant ministries/governmental departments to issue measures deemed necessary to give full effect to the legislation, such as regulating the production, processing, and consumption of scheduled chemicals, the verification regimes, and the confidentiality regimes.	

2 For exceptions, see C-V/DEC.16 (dated 17 May 2000).

3 For exceptions, see C-VI/DEC.10 (dated 17 May 2001).

Column Heading	Explanation
Establishment/Designation of National Authority	<p>“X” indicates that a National Authority has been designated or established.</p> <p><i>It should be noted that some National Authorities have been designated on a purely interim basis.</i></p>

Note: “(X)”, that is, X in brackets, for any of the above indicators, means that the measure has been partially implemented.

Annex (English only):

Status of Implementation of Article VII – Initial Measures, by State Party, as at 31 July 2025

Annex

STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE VII – INITIAL MEASURES, BY STATE PARTY, AS AT 31 JULY 2025

	State Party	Definitions				Scheduled Chemicals Regime Reporting on Transfers			Prohibitions and Penalties			Other Initial Measures			
		Chemical Weapons	Toxic Chemical	Precursor	Purposes Not Prohibited	Schedule 1	Schedule 2	Schedule 3	Chemical Weapons	Scheduled Chemicals	Chemical Weapons	Scheduled Chemicals	Extraterritoriality	Legal Basis for Regulations	Establishment/Designation of National Authority
1.	Afghanistan														X
2.	Albania	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3.	Algeria	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4.	Andorra	X	X	X	X				X		X				X
5.	Angola								(X)		(X)	(X)		(X)	X
6.	Antigua and Barbuda	X	X	X		X	X	X			X	X		X	X
7.	Argentina	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
8.	Armenia	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9.	Australia	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
10.	Austria	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
11.	Azerbaijan	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
12.	Bahamas														X
13.	Bahrain	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
14.	Bangladesh	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
15.	Barbados														X
16.	Belarus	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
17.	Belgium	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
18.	Belize	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
19.	Benin														X

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		Chemical Weapons	Toxic Chemical	Precursor	Purposes Not Prohibited	Schedule 1	Schedule 2	Schedule 3	Chemical Weapons	Scheduled Chemicals	Chemical Weapons	Scheduled Chemicals	Extraterritoriality	Legal Basis for Regulations	Establishment/Designation of National Authority
20.	Bhutan	X	X	X	X	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	X
21.	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
22.	Bosnia and Herzegovina	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
23.	Botswana	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
24.	Brazil	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
25.	Brunei Darussalam					X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X
26.	Bulgaria	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
27.	Burkina Faso	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
28.	Burundi	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
29.	Cabo Verde	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
30.	Cambodia	X	X	X	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	X	(X)	X	(X)	X	(X)	X
31.	Cameroon	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
32.	Canada	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
33.	Central African Republic	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
34.	Chad														X
35.	Chile	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
36.	China	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
37.	Colombia	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
38.	Comoros	X	X	X	X	(X)	(X)	(X)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
39.	Congo	X	X	X	X				X		X		X	(X)	(X)
40.	Cook Islands	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
41.	Costa Rica	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	X	X

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		Chemical Weapons	Toxic Chemical	Precursor	Purposes Not Prohibited	Schedule 1	Schedule 2	Schedule 3	Chemical Weapons	Scheduled Chemicals	Chemical Weapons	Penalties	Extraterritoriality	Legal Basis for Regulations	Establishment/Designation of National Authority
110.	Mexico	X	(X)	(X)	(X)	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
111.	Micronesia (Federated States of)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
112.	Monaco	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
113.	Mongolia		X			X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X
114.	Montenegro	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
115.	Morocco	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
116.	Mozambique														X
117.	Myanmar	X	X	X					X	(X)	X			(X)	X
118.	Namibia	(X)	(X)	(X)		(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)		(X)	(X)	X
119.	Nauru														X
120.	Nepal	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)				X		X		(X)	(X)	X
121.	Netherlands	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
122.	New Zealand	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
123.	Nicaragua	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
124.	Niger														X
125.	Nigeria	X							X	(X)	X				X
126.	Niue	X	X	X	X	X	(X)	(X)	X	X	X		X	X	X
127.	North Macedonia	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
128.	Norway	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
129.	Oman	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
130.	Pakistan	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
131.	Palau	X	(X)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X

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		Chemical Weapons	Toxic Chemical	Precursor	Purposes Not Prohibited	Schedule 1	Schedule 2	Schedule 3	Chemical Weapons	Scheduled Chemicals	Chemical Weapons	Scheduled Chemicals	Extraterritoriality	Legal Basis for Regulations	Establishment/Designation of National Authority
177.	Türkiye	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
178.	Turkmenistan	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
179.	Tuvalu														X
180.	Uganda	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
181.	Ukraine	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
182.	United Arab Emirates	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
183.	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
184.	United Republic of Tanzania	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
185.	United States of America	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
186.	Uruguay	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
187.	Uzbekistan	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
188.	Vanuatu	X	X	X	X	(X)			X	(X)	(X)	(X)			(X)
189.	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	X	(X)	(X)	X	(X)	(X)	(X)	X	X	X	X		X	X
190.	Viet Nam	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
191.	Yemen	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
192.	Zambia	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
193.	Zimbabwe	X				X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X

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