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**STATUS OF THE CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE
DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION, STOCKPILING AND USE OF
CHEMICAL WEAPONS AND ON THEIR DESTRUCTION**

THE CONVENTION ENTERED INTO FORCE ON 29 APRIL 1997

SUMMARY as of 7 May 1998

Number of States Parties: 107

Number of States which have deposited an instrument
of accession (“[a]”) or ratification and for which the
Convention has not yet entered into force¹

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Number of Signatory States which have not yet ratified:

60

States Parties:

1. Albania	30. Ethiopia	58. Mauritius	87. Slovenia
Algeria	31. Fiji	59. Mexico	88. South Africa
Argentina	32. Finland	60. Monaco	89. Spain
Armenia	33. France	61. Mongolia	90. Sri Lanka
Australia	34. Georgia	62. Morocco	91. Suriname
Austria	35. Germany	63. Namibia	92. Swaziland
Bahrain	36. Ghana	64. Nepal	93. Sweden
Bangladesh	37. Greece	65. Netherlands	94. Switzerland
Belarus	38. Guinea	66. New Zealand	95. Tajikistan
Belgium	39. Guyana	67. Niger	96. The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia [a]
Bosnia and Herzegovina	40. Hungary	68. Norway	97. Togo
Brazil	41. Iceland	69. Oman	98. Trinidad and Tobago [a]
Brunei Darussalam	42. India	70. Pakistan	99. Tunisia
Bulgaria	43. Iran (Islamic Republic of)	71. Papua New Guinea	100. Turkey
Burkina Faso	44. Ireland	72. Paraguay	101. Turkmenistan
Cameroon	45. Italy	73. Peru	102. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Canada	46. Japan	74. Philippines	103. United States of America
Chile	47. Jordan [a]	75. Poland	104. Uruguay
China	48. Kenya	76. Portugal	105. Uzbekistan
Cook Islands	49. Kuwait	77. Qatar	106. Venezuela
Costa Rica	50. Lao People's Democratic Republic	78. Republic of Korea	107. Zimbabwe
Côte d'Ivoire	51. Latvia	79. Republic of Moldova	
Croatia	52. Lesotho	80. Romania	
Cuba	53. Luxembourg	81. Russian Federation	
Czech Republic	54. Maldives	82. Saint Lucia	
Denmark	55. Mali	83. Saudi Arabia	Entry into force pending:
27. Ecuador	56. Malta	84. Seychelles	1. Lithuania
28. El Salvador	57. Mauritania	85. Singapore	(EIF 15-05-98)
29. Equatorial Guinea		86. Slovakia	

¹ Article XXI, paragraph 2, of the Convention (the Convention enters into force on the 30th day following the date of deposit of the instrument of ratification or accession with the Secretary-General of the United Nations as Depositary).

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

1. The text of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction was adopted in Geneva on 3 September 1992 by the Conference on Disarmament,² which transmitted it to the United Nations General Assembly at its Forty-Seventh Session. The General Assembly commended the Convention and requested the Secretary-General, as Depositary, to open it for signature in Paris on 13 January 1993³. The Convention was open for signature in Paris from 13 to 15 January 1993 and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters, New York, until 29 April 1997. By that date the Convention had received 165 signatures. The Convention entered into force on 29 April 1997. States which did not sign the Convention before entry into force may accede to it at any time.
2. For States which ratify or accede to the Convention after the date of entry into force, the Convention enters into force on the thirtieth day after the date of the deposit of the instrument of ratification or accession with the Secretary-General of the United Nations as Depositary.
3. This document contains information concerning the dates of signature, ratification and accession received by the Depositary and notified to the Secretariat of the OPCW (up to [7 May 1998](#)). The dates in the column on deposit are those of the receipt by the Depositary of the instrument of ratification or accession.
4. The information is presented in two tables: the first, listing all signatory and acceding States in alphabetical order; and the second, listing signatory States which have not yet ratified the Convention.

² Report of the Conference on Disarmament, Official Records of the General Assembly, 47th Session, Supplement no. 27 (A/47/27), paragraphs 73-74.

³ A/RES/47/39 of 16 December 1992.

Table 1

LIST OF ALL SIGNATORY, RATIFYING AND ACCEDING STATES
as of 7 May 1998

No.	State	Signature ³	Deposit ⁴	Entry into force
1.	Afghanistan	14-01-93		
2.	Albania	14-01-93	11-05-94	29-04-97
3.	Algeria	13-01-93	14-08-95	29-04-97
4.	Argentina	13-01-93	02-10-95	29-04-97
5.	Armenia	19-03-93	27-01-95	29-04-97
6.	Australia	13-01-93	06-05-94	29-04-97
7.	Austria	13-01-93	17-08-95	29-04-97
8.	Azerbaijan	13-01-93		
9.	Bahamas	02-03-94		
10.	Bahrain	24-02-93	28-04-97	29-04-97
11.	Bangladesh	14-01-93	25-04-97	29-04-97
12.	Belarus	14-01-93	11-07-96	29-04-97
13.	Belgium	13-01-93	27-01-97	29-04-97
14.	Benin	14-01-93		
15.	Bhutan	24-04-97		
16.	Bolivia	14-01-93		
17.	Bosnia and Herzegovina	16-01-97	25-02-97	29-04-97
18.	Brazil	13-01-93	13-03-96	29-04-97
19.	Brunei Darussalam	13-01-93	28-07-97	27-08-97
20.	Bulgaria	13-01-93	10-08-94	29-04-97
21.	Burkina Faso	14-01-93	08-07-97	07-08-97
22.	Burundi	15-01-93		
23.	Cambodia	15-01-93		
24.	Cameroon	14-01-93	16-09-96	29-04-97
25.	Canada	13-01-93	26-09-95	29-04-97
26.	Cape Verde	15-01-93		
27.	Central African Republic	14-01-93		
28.	Chad	11-10-94		
29.	Chile	14-01-93	12-07-96	29-04-97
30.	China	13-01-93	25-04-97	29-04-97
31.	Colombia	13-01-93		
32.	Comoros	13-01-93		
33.	Congo	15-01-93		
34.	Cook Islands	14-01-93	15-07-94	29-04-97
35.	Costa Rica	14-01-93	31-05-96	29-04-97
36.	Côte d'Ivoire	13-01-93	18-12-95	29-04-97
37.	Croatia	13-01-93	23-05-95	29-04-97
38.	Cuba	13-01-93	29-04-97	29-05-97
39.	Cyprus	13-01-93		

³ Signatures affixed on the original of the Convention deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations as Depositary.

⁴ Instruments of accession (“[a]”) or ratification deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations as Depositary.

No.	State	Signature³	Deposit⁴	Entry into force
40.	Czech Republic	14-01-93	06-03-96	29-04-97
41.	Democratic Republic of the Congo	14-01-93		
42.	Denmark	14-01-93	13-07-95	29-04-97
43.	Djibouti	28-09-93		
44.	Dominica	02-08-93		
45.	Dominican Republic	13-01-93		
46.	Ecuador	14-01-93	06-09-95	29-04-97
47.	El Salvador	14-01-93	30-10-95	29-04-97
48.	Equatorial Guinea	14-01-93	25-04-97	29-04-97
49.	Estonia	14-01-93		
50.	Ethiopia	14-01-93	13-05-96	29-04-97
51.	Fiji	14-01-93	20-01-93	29-04-97
52.	Finland	14-01-93	07-02-95	29-04-97
53.	France	13-01-93	02-03-95	29-04-97
54.	Gabon	13-01-93		
55.	Gambia	13-01-93		
56.	Georgia	14-01-93	27-11-95	29-04-97
57.	Germany	13-01-93	12-08-94	29-04-97
58.	Ghana	14-01-93	09-07-97	08-08-97
59.	Greece	13-01-93	22-12-94	29-04-97
60.	Grenada	09-04-97		
61.	Guatemala	14-01-93		
62.	Guinea	14-01-93	09-06-97	09-07-97
63.	Guinea-Bissau	14-01-93		
64.	Guyana	06-10-93	12-09-97	12-10-97
65.	Haiti	14-01-93		
66.	Holy See	14-01-93		
67.	Honduras	13-01-93		
68.	Hungary	13-01-93	31-10-96	29-04-97
69.	Iceland	13-01-93	28-04-97	29-04-97
70.	India	14-01-93	03-09-96	29-04-97
71.	Indonesia	13-01-93		
72.	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	13-01-93	03-11-97	03-12-97
73.	Ireland	14-01-93	24-06-96	29-04-97
74.	Israel	13-01-93		
75.	Italy	13-01-93	08-12-95	29-04-97
76.	Jamaica	18-04-97		
77.	Japan	13-01-93	15-09-95	29-04-97
78.	Jordan		29-10-97 [a]	28-11-97
79.	Kazakstan	14-01-93		
80.	Kenya	15-01-93	25-04-97	29-04-97
81.	Kuwait	27-01-93	29-05-97	28-06-97
82.	Kyrgyzstan	22-02-93		
83.	Lao People's Democratic Republic	13-05-93	25-02-97	29-04-97
84.	Latvia	06-05-93	23-07-96	29-04-97
85.	Lesotho	07-12-94	07-12-94	29-04-97
86.	Liberia	15-01-93		
87.	Liechtenstein	21-07-93		
88.	Lithuania	13-01-93	15-04-98	15-05-98
89.	Luxembourg	13-01-93	15-04-97	29-04-97
90.	Madagascar	15-01-93		
91.	Malawi	14-01-93		
92.	Malaysia	13-01-93		

No.	State	Signature³	Deposit⁴	Entry into force
93.	Maldives	01-10-93	31-05-94	29-04-97
94.	Mali	13-01-93	28-04-97	29-04-97
95.	Malta	13-01-93	28-04-97	29-04-97
96.	Marshall Islands	13-01-93		
97.	Mauritania	13-01-93	09-02-98	11-03-98
98.	Mauritius	14-01-93	09-02-93	29-04-97
99.	Mexico	13-01-93	29-08-94	29-04-97
100.	Micronesia (Federated States of)	13-01-93		
101.	Monaco	13-01-93	01-06-95	29-04-97
102.	Mongolia	14-01-93	17-01-95	29-04-97
103.	Morocco	13-01-93	28-12-95	29-04-97
104.	Myanmar	14-01-93		
105.	Namibia	13-01-93	27-11-95	29-04-97
106.	Nauru	13-01-93		
107.	Nepal	19-01-93	18-11-97	18-12-97
108.	Netherlands	14-01-93	30-06-95	29-04-97
109.	New Zealand	14-01-93	15-07-96	29-04-97
110.	Nicaragua	09-03-93		
111.	Niger	14-01-93	09-04-97	29-04-97
112.	Nigeria	13-01-93		
113.	Norway	13-01-93	07-04-94	29-04-97
114.	Oman	02-02-93	08-02-95	29-04-97
115.	Pakistan	13-01-93	28-10-97	27-11-97
116.	Panama	16-06-93		
117.	Papua New Guinea	14-01-93	17-04-96	29-04-97
118.	Paraguay	14-01-93	01-12-94	29-04-97
119.	Peru	14-01-93	20-07-95	29-04-97
120.	Philippines	13-01-93	11-12-96	29-04-97
121.	Poland	13-01-93	23-08-95	29-04-97
122.	Portugal	13-01-93	10-09-96	29-04-97
123.	Qatar	01-02-93	03-09-97	03-10-97
124.	Republic of Korea	14-01-93	28-04-97	29-04-97
125.	Republic of Moldova	13-01-93	08-07-96	29-04-97
126.	Romania	13-01-93	15-02-95	29-04-97
127.	Russian Federation	13-01-93	05-11-97	05-12-97
128.	Rwanda	17-05-93		
129.	Saint Kitts and Nevis	16-03-94		
130.	Saint Lucia	29-03-93	09-04-97	29-04-97
131.	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	20-09-93		
132.	Samoa	14-01-93		
133.	San Marino	13-01-93		
134.	Saudi Arabia	20-01-93	09-08-96	29-04-97
135.	Senegal	13-01-93		
136.	Seychelles	15-01-93	07-04-93	29-04-97
137.	Sierra Leone	15-01-93		
138.	Singapore	14-01-93	21-05-97	20-06-97
139.	Slovakia	14-01-93	27-10-95	29-04-97
140.	Slovenia	14-01-93	11-06-97	11-07-97
141.	South Africa	14-01-93	13-09-95	29-04-97
142.	Spain	13-01-93	03-08-94	29-04-97
143.	Sri Lanka	14-01-93	19-08-94	29-04-97
144.	Suriname	28-04-97	28-04-97	29-04-97

No.	State	Signature³	Deposit⁴	Entry into force
145.	Swaziland	23-09-93	20-11-96	29-04-97
146.	Sweden	13-01-93	17-06-93	29-04-97
147.	Switzerland	14-01-93	10-03-95	29-04-97
148.	Tajikistan	14-01-93	11-01-95	29-04-97
149.	Thailand	14-01-93		
150.	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia		20-06-97 [a]	20-07-97
151.	Togo	13-01-93	23-04-97	29-04-97
152.	Trinidad and Tobago		24-06-97 [a]	24-07-97
153.	Tunisia	13-01-93	15-04-97	29-04-97
154.	Turkey	14-01-93	12-05-97	11-06-97
155.	Turkmenistan	12-10-93	29-09-94	29-04-97
156.	Uganda	14-01-93		
157.	Ukraine	13-01-93		
158.	United Arab Emirates	02-02-93		
159.	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	13-01-93	13-05-96	29-04-97
160.	United Republic of Tanzania	25-02-94		
161.	United States of America	13-01-93	25-04-97	29-04-97
162.	Uruguay	15-01-93	06-10-94	29-04-97
163.	Uzbekistan	24-11-95	23-07-96	29-04-97
164.	Venezuela	14-01-93	03-12-97	02-01-98
165.	Viet Nam	13-01-93		
166.	Yemen	08-02-93		
167.	Zambia	13-01-93		
168.	Zimbabwe	13-01-93	25-04-97	29-04-97

Table 2

**SIGNATORY STATES WHICH HAVE NOT YET RATIFIED THE
CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION
as of 7 May 1998**

Afghanistan	Jamaica
Azerbaijan	Kazakstan
Bahamas	Kyrgyzstan
Benin	Liberia
Bhutan	Liechtenstein
Bolivia	Madagascar
Burundi	Malawi
Cambodia	Malaysia
Cape Verde	Marshall Islands
Central African Republic	Micronesia (Federated States of)
Chad	Myanmar
Colombia	Nauru
Comoros	Nicaragua
Congo	Nigeria
Cyprus	Panama
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Rwanda
Djibouti	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Dominica	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Dominican Republic	Samoa
Estonia	San Marino
Gabon	Senegal
Gambia	Sierra Leone
Grenada	Thailand
Guatemala	Uganda
Guinea-Bissau	Ukraine
Haiti	United Arab Emirates
Holy See	United Republic of Tanzania
Honduras	Viet Nam
Indonesia	Yemen
Israel	Zambia