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**STATUS OF THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION<sup>1</sup>**

THE CONVENTION ENTERED INTO FORCE ON 29 APRIL 1997

<b>SUMMARY as of 19 August 1998</b>			
Number of States Parties:		113	
Number of States which have deposited an instrument of accession or ratification and for which the Convention has not yet entered into force <sup>2</sup>		1	
Number of signatory States which have not yet ratified:		54	
<b>States Parties:</b>			
1. Albania	Ethiopia	60. Malta	91. Slovakia
Algeria	31. Fiji	61. Mauritania	92. Slovenia
Argentina	32. Finland	62. Mauritius	93. South Africa
Armenia	33. France	63. Mexico	94. Spain
Australia	34. Gambia	64. Monaco	95. Sri Lanka
Austria	35. Georgia	65. Mongolia	96. Suriname
Bahrain	36. Germany	66. Morocco	97. Swaziland
Bangladesh	37. Ghana	67. Namibia	98. Sweden
Belarus	38. Greece	68. Nepal	99. Switzerland
Belgium	39. Guinea	69. Netherlands	100. Tajikistan
Benin	40. Guyana	70. New Zealand	101. The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia [a] <sup>3</sup>
Bosnia and Herzegovina	41. Hungary	71. Niger	102. Togo
Brazil	42. Iceland	72. Norway	103. Trinidad and Tobago [a]
Brunei Darussalam	43. India	73. Oman	104. Tunisia
Bulgaria	44. Iran (Islamic Republic of)	74. Pakistan	105. Turkey
Burkina Faso	45. Ireland	75. Papua New Guinea	106. Turkmenistan
Cameroon	46. Italy	76. Paraguay	107. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Canada	47. Japan	77. Peru	108. United Republic of Tanzania
Chile	48. Jordan [a]	78. Philippines	109. United States of America
China	49. Kenya	79. Poland	110. Uruguay
Cook Islands	50. Kuwait	80. Portugal	111. Uzbekista
Costa Rica	51. Lao People's Democratic Republic	81. Qatar	112. Venezuela
Côte d'Ivoire	52. Latvia	82. Republic of Korea	113. Zimbabwe
Croatia	53. Lesotho	83. Republic of Moldova	
Cuba	54. Lithuania	84. Romania	
Czech Republic	55. Luxembourg	85. Russian Federation	
Denmark	56. Malawi	86. Saint Lucia	
Ecuador	57. Maldives	87. Saudi Arabia	
El Salvador	58. Mali	88. Senegal	
Equatorial Guinea		89. Seychelles	
		90. Singapore	
			<u>Entry into force pending:</u>
			1. Bolivia (EIF 13-09-98)

<sup>1</sup> Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction.

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

<sup>3</sup> [a] = accession

## 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,<sup>4</sup> which transmitted it to the United Nations General Assembly at its Forty-Seventh Session. The General Assembly commended the Convention and requested the United Nations Secretary-General, as Depositary, to open it for signature in Paris on 13 January 1993<sup>5</sup>. 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 29 April 1997, the Convention enters into force on the thirtieth day after the date on which the instrument of ratification or accession has been deposited 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 (by 19 August 1998). The dates in the column on deposit are those on which the instrument of ratification or accession has been received by the Depositary.
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.

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<sup>4</sup> Report of the Conference on Disarmament, Official Records of the General Assembly, 47<sup>th</sup> Session, Supplement no. 27 (A/47/27), paragraphs 73-74.

<sup>5</sup> A/RES/47/39 of 16 December 1992.

**Table 1**

**LIST OF ALL SIGNATORY, RATIFYING AND ACCEDING STATES  
as of 19 August 1998**

No.	State	Signature <sup>6</sup>	Deposit <sup>7</sup>	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	14-05-98	13-06-98
15.	Bhutan	24-04-97		
16.	Bolivia	14-01-93	14-08-98	13-09-98
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		
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		

<sup>6</sup> Signatures affixed on the original of the Convention deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations as Depositary.

<sup>7</sup> Instruments of accession (“[a]”) or ratification deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations as Depositary.

No.	State	Signature <sup>6</sup>	Deposit <sup>7</sup>	Entry into force
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	19-05-98	18-06-98
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.	Kazakhstan	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	11-06-98	11-07-98
92.	Malaysia	13-01-93		
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		

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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	20-07-98	19-08-98
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
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		

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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	25-06-98	25-07-98
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 HAD NOT YET RATIFIED THE  
CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION  
as of 19 August 1998**

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