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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 13 September 1998</b>			
Number of States Parties:		114	
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>		3	
Number of signatory States which have not yet ratified:		52	
<b>States Parties:</b>			
1. Albania	Ethiopia	61. Malta	92. Slovakia
Algeria	32. Fiji	62. Mauritania	93. Slovenia
Argentina	33. Finland	63. Mauritius	94. South Africa
Armenia	34. France	64. Mexico	95. Spain
Australia	35. Gambia	65. Monaco	96. Sri Lanka
Austria	36. Georgia	66. Mongolia	97. Suriname
Bahrain	37. Germany	67. Morocco	98. Swaziland
Bangladesh	38. Ghana	68. Namibia	99. Sweden
Belarus	39. Greece	69. Nepal	100. Switzerland
Belgium	40. Guinea	70. Netherlands	101. Tajikistan
Benin	41. Guyana	71. New Zealand	102. The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia [a] <sup>3</sup>
Bolivia	42. Hungary	72. Niger	103. Togo
Bosnia and Herzegovina	43. Iceland	73. Norway	104. Trinidad and Tobago [a]
Brazil	44. India	74. Oman	105. Tunisia
Brunei Darussalam	45. Iran (Islamic Republic of)	75. Pakistan	106. Turkey
Bulgaria	46. Ireland	76. Papua New Guinea	107. Turkmenistan
Burkina Faso	47. Italy	77. Paraguay	108. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Cameroon	48. Japan	78. Peru	109. United Republic of Tanzania
Canada	49. Jordan [a]	79. Philippines	110. United States of America
Chile	50. Kenya	80. Poland	111. Uruguay
China	51. Kuwait	81. Portugal	112. Uzbekista
Cook Islands	52. Lao People's Democratic Republic	82. Qatar	113. Venezuela
Costa Rica	53. Latvia	83. Republic of Korea	114. Zimbabwe
Côte d'Ivoire	54. Lesotho	84. Republic of Moldova	
Croatia	55. Lithuania	85. Romania	
Cuba	56. Luxembourg	86. Russian Federation	
Czech Republic	57. Malawi	87. Saint Lucia	
Denmark	58. Maldives	88. Saudi Arabia	
Ecuador	59. Mali	89. Senegal	
El Salvador		90. Seychelles	
Equatorial Guinea		91. Singapore	

<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 Depositary).

<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 for that State 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 (by 13 September 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 parties to the Convention 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

**PARTIES TO THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION  
as of 13 September 1998**

No.	State	Signature <sup>6</sup>	Deposit <sup>7</sup>	Entry into force
1.	Albania	14-01-93	11-05-94	29-04-97
2.	Algeria	13-01-93	14-08-95	29-04-97
3.	Argentina	13-01-93	02-10-95	29-04-97
4.	Armenia	19-03-93	27-01-95	29-04-97
5.	Australia	13-01-93	06-05-94	29-04-97
6.	Austria	13-01-93	17-08-95	29-04-97
7.	Bahrain	24-02-93	28-04-97	29-04-97
8.	Bangladesh	14-01-93	25-04-97	29-04-97
9.	Belarus	14-01-93	11-07-96	29-04-97
10.	Belgium	13-01-93	27-01-97	29-04-97
11.	Benin	14-01-93	14-05-98	13-06-98
12.	Bolivia	14-01-93	14-08-98	13-09-98
13.	Bosnia and Herzegovina	16-01-97	25-02-97	29-04-97
14.	Brazil	13-01-93	13-03-96	29-04-97
15.	Brunei Darussalam	13-01-93	28-07-97	27-08-97
16.	Bulgaria	13-01-93	10-08-94	29-04-97
17.	Burkina Faso	14-01-93	08-07-97	07-08-97
18.	Cameroon	14-01-93	16-09-96	29-04-97
19.	Canada	13-01-93	26-09-95	29-04-97
20.	Chile	14-01-93	12-07-96	29-04-97
21.	China	13-01-93	25-04-97	29-04-97
22.	Cook Islands	14-01-93	15-07-94	29-04-97
23.	Costa Rica	14-01-93	31-05-96	29-04-97
24.	Côte d'Ivoire	13-01-93	18-12-95	29-04-97
25.	Croatia	13-01-93	23-05-95	29-04-97
26.	Cuba	13-01-93	29-04-97	29-05-97
27.	Czech Republic	14-01-93	06-03-96	29-04-97
28.	Denmark	14-01-93	13-07-95	29-04-97
29.	Ecuador	14-01-93	06-09-95	29-04-97
30.	El Salvador	14-01-93	30-10-95	29-04-97
31.	Equatorial Guinea	14-01-93	25-04-97	29-04-97
32.	Ethiopia	14-01-93	13-05-96	29-04-97
33.	Fiji	14-01-93	20-01-93	29-04-97
34.	Finland	14-01-93	07-02-95	29-04-97
35.	France	13-01-93	02-03-95	29-04-97
36.	Gambia	13-01-93	19-05-98	18-06-98
37.	Georgia	14-01-93	27-11-95	29-04-97
38.	Germany	13-01-93	12-08-94	29-04-97
39.	Ghana	14-01-93	09-07-97	08-08-97
40.	Greece	13-01-93	22-12-94	29-04-97
41.	Guinea	14-01-93	09-06-97	09-07-97
42.	Guyana	06-10-93	12-09-97	12-10-97
43.	Hungary	13-01-93	31-10-96	29-04-97

<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.	Iceland	13-01-93	28-04-97	29-04-97
45.	India	14-01-93	03-09-96	29-04-97
46.	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	13-01-93	03-11-97	03-12-97
47.	Ireland	14-01-93	24-06-96	29-04-97
48.	Italy	13-01-93	08-12-95	29-04-97
49.	Japan	13-01-93	15-09-95	29-04-97
50.	Jordan		29-10-97 [a]	28-11-97
51.	Kenya	15-01-93	25-04-97	29-04-97
52.	Kuwait	27-01-93	29-05-97	28-06-97
53.	Lao People's Democratic Republic	13-05-93	25-02-97	29-04-97
54.	Latvia	06-05-93	23-07-96	29-04-97
55.	Lesotho	07-12-94	07-12-94	29-04-97
56.	Lithuania	13-01-93	15-04-98	15-05-98
57.	Luxembourg	13-01-93	15-04-97	29-04-97
58.	Malawi	14-01-93	11-06-98	11-07-98
59.	Maldives	01-10-93	31-05-94	29-04-97
60.	Mali	13-01-93	28-04-97	29-04-97
61.	Malta	13-01-93	28-04-97	29-04-97
62.	Mauritania	13-01-93	09-02-98	11-03-98
63.	Mauritius	14-01-93	09-02-93	29-04-97
64.	Mexico	13-01-93	29-08-94	29-04-97
65.	Monaco	13-01-93	01-06-95	29-04-97
66.	Mongolia	14-01-93	17-01-95	29-04-97
67.	Morocco	13-01-93	28-12-95	29-04-97
68.	Namibia	13-01-93	27-11-95	29-04-97
69.	Nepal	19-01-93	18-11-97	18-12-97
70.	Netherlands	14-01-93	30-06-95	29-04-97
71.	New Zealand	14-01-93	15-07-96	29-04-97
72.	Niger	14-01-93	09-04-97	29-04-97
73.	Norway	13-01-93	07-04-94	29-04-97
74.	Oman	02-02-93	08-02-95	29-04-97
75.	Pakistan	13-01-93	28-10-97	27-11-97
76.	Papua New Guinea	14-01-93	17-04-96	29-04-97
77.	Paraguay	14-01-93	01-12-94	29-04-97
78.	Peru	14-01-93	20-07-95	29-04-97
79.	Philippines	13-01-93	11-12-96	29-04-97
80.	Poland	13-01-93	23-08-95	29-04-97
81.	Portugal	13-01-93	10-09-96	29-04-97
82.	Qatar	01-02-93	03-09-97	03-10-97
83.	Republic of Korea	14-01-93	28-04-97	29-04-97
84.	Republic of Moldova	13-01-93	08-07-96	29-04-97
85.	Romania	13-01-93	15-02-95	29-04-97
86.	Russian Federation	13-01-93	05-11-97	05-12-97
87.	Saint Lucia	29-03-93	09-04-97	29-04-97
88.	Saudi Arabia	20-01-93	09-08-96	29-04-97
89.	Senegal	13-01-93	20-07-98	19-08-98
90.	Seychelles	15-01-93	07-04-93	29-04-97
91.	Singapore	14-01-93	21-05-97	20-06-97
92.	Slovakia	14-01-93	27-10-95	29-04-97
93.	Slovenia	14-01-93	11-06-97	11-07-97
94.	South Africa	14-01-93	13-09-95	29-04-97
95.	Spain	13-01-93	03-08-94	29-04-97
96.	Sri Lanka	14-01-93	19-08-94	29-04-97

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97.	Suriname	28-04-97	28-04-97	29-04-97
98.	Swaziland	23-09-93	20-11-96	29-04-97
99.	Sweden	13-01-93	17-06-93	29-04-97
100.	Switzerland	14-01-93	10-03-95	29-04-97
101.	Tajikistan	14-01-93	11-01-95	29-04-97
102.	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia		20-06-97 [a]	20-07-97
103.	Togo	13-01-93	23-04-97	29-04-97
104.	Trinidad and Tobago		24-06-97 [a]	24-07-97
105.	Tunisia	13-01-93	15-04-97	29-04-97
106.	Turkey	14-01-93	12-05-97	11-06-97
107.	Turkmenistan	12-10-93	29-09-94	29-04-97
108.	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	13-01-93	13-05-96	29-04-97
109.	United Republic of Tanzania	25-02-94	25-06-98	25-07-98
110.	United States of America	13-01-93	25-04-97	29-04-97
111.	Uruguay	15-01-93	06-10-94	29-04-97
112.	Uzbekistan	24-11-95	23-07-96	29-04-97
113.	Venezuela	14-01-93	03-12-97	02-01-98
114.	Zimbabwe	13-01-93	25-04-97	29-04-97

**Entry into force pending:**

1.	Botswana		31-08-98[a]	30-09-98
2.	Burundi	15-01-93	04-09-98	04-10-98
3.	Cyprus	13-01-93	28-08-98	27-09-98

**Table 2**

**SIGNATORY STATES WHICH HAVE NOT YET RATIFIED THE  
CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION  
as of 13 September 1998**

<b>No.</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Signature<sup>6</sup></b>
1.	Afghanistan	14-01-93
2.	Azerbaijan	13-01-93
3.	Bahamas	02-03-94
4.	Bhutan	24-04-97
5.	Cambodia	15-01-93
6.	Cape Verde	15-01-93
7.	Central African Republic	14-01-93
8.	Chad	11-10-94
9.	Colombia	13-01-93
10.	Comoros	13-01-93
11.	Congo	15-01-93
12.	Democratic Republic of the Congo	14-01-93
13.	Djibouti	28-09-93
14.	Dominica	02-08-93
15.	Dominican Republic	13-01-93
16.	Estonia	14-01-93
17.	Gabon	13-01-93
18.	Grenada	09-04-97
19.	Guatemala	14-01-93
20.	Guinea-Bissau	14-01-93
21.	Haiti	14-01-93
22.	Holy See	14-01-93
23.	Honduras	13-01-93
24.	Indonesia	13-01-93
25.	Israel	13-01-93
26.	Jamaica	18-04-97
27.	Kazakhstan	14-01-93
28.	Kyrgyzstan	22-02-93
29.	Liberia	15-01-93
30.	Liechtenstein	21-07-93
31.	Madagascar	15-01-93
32.	Malaysia	13-01-93
33.	Marshall Islands	13-01-93
34.	Micronesia (Federated States of)	13-01-93
35.	Myanmar	14-01-93
36.	Nauru	13-01-93
37.	Nicaragua	09-03-93
38.	Nigeria	13-01-93
39.	Panama	16-06-93
40.	Rwanda	17-05-93
41.	Saint Kitts and Nevis	16-03-94
42.	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	20-09-93

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43.	Samoa	14-01-93
44.	San Marino	13-01-93
45.	Sierra Leone	15-01-93
46.	Thailand	14-01-93
47.	Uganda	14-01-93
48.	Ukraine	13-01-93
49.	United Arab Emirates	02-02-93
50.	Viet Nam	13-01-93
51.	Yemen	08-02-93
52.	Zambia	13-01-93

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