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

THE CONVENTION ENTERED INTO FORCE ON 29 APRIL 1997

SUMMARY as of 15 November 1998			
Number of States Parties:			120
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:			48
<b>States Parties:</b>			
1. Albania	El Salvador	64. Malta	96. Slovakia
Algeria	33. Equatorial Guinea	65. Mauritania	97. Slovenia
Argentina	34. Ethiopia	66. Mauritius	98. South Africa
Armenia	35. Fiji	67. Mexico	99. Spain
Australia	36. Finland	68. Monaco	100. Sri Lanka
Austria	37. France	69. Mongolia	101. Suriname
Bahrain	38. Gambia	70. Morocco	102. Swaziland
Bangladesh	39. Georgia	71. Namibia	103. Sweden
Belarus	40. Germany	72. Nepal	104. Switzerland
Belgium	41. Ghana	73. Netherlands	105. Tajikistan
Benin	42. Greece	74. New Zealand	106. The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia <sup>[a]</sup> <sup>3</sup>
Bolivia	43. Guinea	75. Niger	107. Togo
Bosnia and Herzegovina	44. Guyana	76. Norway	108. Trinidad and Tobago [a]
Botswana [a]	45. Hungary	77. Oman	109. Tunisia
Brazil	46. Iceland	78. Pakistan	110. Turkey
Brunei Darussalam	47. India	79. Panama	111. Turkmenistan
Bulgaria	48. Iran (Islamic Republic of)	80. Papua New Guinea	112. Ukraine
Burkina Faso	49. Ireland	81. Paraguay	113. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Burundi	50. Italy	82. Peru	114. United Republic of Tanzania
Cameroon	51. Japan	83. Philippines	115. United States of America
Canada	52. Jordan [a]	84. Poland	116. Uruguay
Chile	53. Kenya	85. Portugal	117. Uzbekista
China	54. Kuwait	86. Qatar	118. Venezuela
Cook Islands	55. Lao People's Democratic Republic	87. Republic of Korea	119. Viet Nam (EIF 30-10-98)
Costa Rica	56. Latvia	88. Republic of Moldova	120. Zimbabwe
Côte d'Ivoire	57. Lesotho	89. Romania	
Croatia	58. Lithuania	90. Russian Federation	
Cuba	59. Luxembourg	91. Saint Lucia	
Cyprus	60. Malawi	92. Saudi Arabia	
Czech Republic	61. Maldives	93. Senegal	
Denmark	62. Mali	94. Seychelles	
Ecuador		95. Singapore	
			<u>Entry into force pending:</u>
			1. Indonesia (EIF 12-12-98)

<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 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 15 November 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 15 November 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.	Botswana		31-08-98[a]	30-09-98
15.	Brazil	13-01-93	13-03-96	29-04-97
16.	Brunei Darussalam	13-01-93	28-07-97	27-08-97
17.	Bulgaria	13-01-93	10-08-94	29-04-97
18.	Burkina Faso	14-01-93	08-07-97	07-08-97
19.	Burundi	15-01-93	04-09-98	04-10-98
20.	Cameroon	14-01-93	16-09-96	29-04-97
21.	Canada	13-01-93	26-09-95	29-04-97
22.	Chile	14-01-93	12-07-96	29-04-97
23.	China	13-01-93	25-04-97	29-04-97
24.	Cook Islands	14-01-93	15-07-94	29-04-97
25.	Costa Rica	14-01-93	31-05-96	29-04-97
26.	Côte d'Ivoire	13-01-93	18-12-95	29-04-97
27.	Croatia	13-01-93	23-05-95	29-04-97
28.	Cuba	13-01-93	29-04-97	29-05-97
29.	Cyprus	13-01-93	28-08-98	27-09-98
30.	Czech Republic	14-01-93	06-03-96	29-04-97
31.	Denmark	14-01-93	13-07-95	29-04-97
32.	Ecuador	14-01-93	06-09-95	29-04-97
33.	El Salvador	14-01-93	30-10-95	29-04-97
34.	Equatorial Guinea	14-01-93	25-04-97	29-04-97
35.	Ethiopia	14-01-93	13-05-96	29-04-97
36.	Fiji	14-01-93	20-01-93	29-04-97
37.	Finland	14-01-93	07-02-95	29-04-97
38.	France	13-01-93	02-03-95	29-04-97
39.	Gambia	13-01-93	19-05-98	18-06-98
40.	Georgia	14-01-93	27-11-95	29-04-97
41.	Germany	13-01-93	12-08-94	29-04-97
42.	Ghana	14-01-93	09-07-97	08-08-97
43.	Greece	13-01-93	22-12-94	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.	Guinea	14-01-93	09-06-97	09-07-97
45.	Guyana	06-10-93	12-09-97	12-10-97
46.	Hungary	13-01-93	31-10-96	29-04-97
47.	Iceland	13-01-93	28-04-97	29-04-97
48.	India	14-01-93	03-09-96	29-04-97
49.	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	13-01-93	03-11-97	03-12-97
50.	Ireland	14-01-93	24-06-96	29-04-97
51.	Italy	13-01-93	08-12-95	29-04-97
52.	Japan	13-01-93	15-09-95	29-04-97
53.	Jordan		29-10-97 [a]	28-11-97
54.	Kenya	15-01-93	25-04-97	29-04-97
55.	Kuwait	27-01-93	29-05-97	28-06-97
56.	Lao People's Democratic Republic	13-05-93	25-02-97	29-04-97
57.	Latvia	06-05-93	23-07-96	29-04-97
58.	Lesotho	07-12-94	07-12-94	29-04-97
59.	Lithuania	13-01-93	15-04-98	15-05-98
60.	Luxembourg	13-01-93	15-04-97	29-04-97
61.	Malawi	14-01-93	11-06-98	11-07-98
62.	Maldives	01-10-93	31-05-94	29-04-97
63.	Mali	13-01-93	28-04-97	29-04-97
64.	Malta	13-01-93	28-04-97	29-04-97
65.	Mauritania	13-01-93	09-02-98	11-03-98
66.	Mauritius	14-01-93	09-02-93	29-04-97
67.	Mexico	13-01-93	29-08-94	29-04-97
68.	Monaco	13-01-93	01-06-95	29-04-97
69.	Mongolia	14-01-93	17-01-95	29-04-97
70.	Morocco	13-01-93	28-12-95	29-04-97
71.	Namibia	13-01-93	27-11-95	29-04-97
72.	Nepal	19-01-93	18-11-97	18-12-97
73.	Netherlands	14-01-93	30-06-95	29-04-97
74.	New Zealand	14-01-93	15-07-96	29-04-97
75.	Niger	14-01-93	09-04-97	29-04-97
76.	Norway	13-01-93	07-04-94	29-04-97
77.	Oman	02-02-93	08-02-95	29-04-97
78.	Pakistan	13-01-93	28-10-97	27-11-97
79.	Panama	16-06-93	07-10-98	06-11-98
80.	Papua New Guinea	14-01-93	17-04-96	29-04-97
81.	Paraguay	14-01-93	01-12-94	29-04-97
82.	Peru	14-01-93	20-07-95	29-04-97
83.	Philippines	13-01-93	11-12-96	29-04-97
84.	Poland	13-01-93	23-08-95	29-04-97
85.	Portugal	13-01-93	10-09-96	29-04-97
86.	Qatar	01-02-93	03-09-97	03-10-97
87.	Republic of Korea	14-01-93	28-04-97	29-04-97
88.	Republic of Moldova	13-01-93	08-07-96	29-04-97
89.	Romania	13-01-93	15-02-95	29-04-97
90.	Russian Federation	13-01-93	05-11-97	05-12-97
91.	Saint Lucia	29-03-93	09-04-97	29-04-97
92.	Saudi Arabia	20-01-93	09-08-96	29-04-97
93.	Senegal	13-01-93	20-07-98	19-08-98
94.	Seychelles	15-01-93	07-04-93	29-04-97
95.	Singapore	14-01-93	21-05-97	20-06-97
96.	Slovakia	14-01-93	27-10-95	29-04-97

No.	State	Signature <sup>6</sup>	Deposit <sup>7</sup>	Entry into force
97.	Slovenia	14-01-93	11-06-97	11-07-97
98.	South Africa	14-01-93	13-09-95	29-04-97
99.	Spain	13-01-93	03-08-94	29-04-97
100.	Sri Lanka	14-01-93	19-08-94	29-04-97
101.	Suriname	28-04-97	28-04-97	29-04-97
102.	Swaziland	23-09-93	20-11-96	29-04-97
103.	Sweden	13-01-93	17-06-93	29-04-97
104.	Switzerland	14-01-93	10-03-95	29-04-97
105.	Tajikistan	14-01-93	11-01-95	29-04-97
106.	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia		20-06-97 [a]	20-07-97
107.	Togo	13-01-93	23-04-97	29-04-97
108.	Trinidad and Tobago		24-06-97 [a]	24-07-97
109.	Tunisia	13-01-93	15-04-97	29-04-97
110.	Turkey	14-01-93	12-05-97	11-06-97
111.	Turkmenistan	12-10-93	29-09-94	29-04-97
112.	Ukraine	13-01-93	16-10-98	15-11-98
113.	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	13-01-93	13-05-96	29-04-97
114.	United Republic of Tanzania	25-02-94	25-06-98	25-07-98
115.	United States of America	13-01-93	25-04-97	29-04-97
116.	Uruguay	15-01-93	06-10-94	29-04-97
117.	Uzbekistan	24-11-95	23-07-96	29-04-97
118.	Venezuela	14-01-93	03-12-97	02-01-98
119.	Viet Nam	13-01-93	30-09-98	30-10-98
120.	Zimbabwe	13-01-93	25-04-97	29-04-97

**Entry into force pending:**

1.	Indonesia	13-01-93	12-11-98	12-12-98
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**Table 2**  
**SIGNATORY STATES WHICH HAVE NOT YET RATIFIED**  
**THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION as of 15 November 1998**

No.	State	Signature
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.	Israel	13-01-93
25.	Jamaica	18-04-97
26.	Kazakhstan	14-01-93
27.	Kyrgyzstan	22-02-93
28.	Liberia	15-01-93
29.	Liechtenstein	21-07-93
30.	Madagascar	15-01-93
31.	Malaysia	13-01-93
32.	Marshall Islands	13-01-93
33.	Micronesia (Federated States of)	13-01-93
34.	Myanmar	14-01-93
35.	Nauru	13-01-93
36.	Nicaragua	09-03-93
37.	Nigeria	13-01-93
38.	Rwanda	17-05-93
39.	Saint Kitts and Nevis	16-03-94
40.	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	20-09-93
41.	Samoa	14-01-93
42.	San Marino	13-01-93
43.	Sierra Leone	15-01-93
44.	Thailand	14-01-93
45.	Uganda	14-01-93
46.	United Arab Emirates	02-02-93
47.	Yemen	08-02-93
48.	Zambia	13-01-93