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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 22 February 2000</b>			
	Number of States Parties:	<b>129</b>	
	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>	<b>1</b>	
	Number of Signatory States which have not yet ratified:	<b>41</b>	
<b>States Parties:</b>			
1. Albania	35. Estonia	69. Mauritania	103. Singapore
Algeria	36. Ethiopia	70. Mauritius	104. Slovakia
Argentina	37. Fiji	71. Mexico	105. Slovenia
Armenia	38. Finland	72. Micronesia (Federated States of)	106. South Africa
Australia	39. France	73. Monaco	107. Spain
Austria	40. Gambia	74. Mongolia	108. Sri Lanka
Bahrain	41. Georgia	75. Morocco	109. Sudan [a]
Bangladesh	42. Germany	76. Namibia	110. Suriname
Belarus	43. Ghana	77. Nepal	111. Swaziland
Belgium	44. Greece	78. Netherlands	112. Sweden
Benin	45. Guinea	79. New Zealand	113. Switzerland
Bolivia	46. Guyana	80. Nicaragua	114. Tajikistan
Bosnia and Herzegovina	47. Holy See	81. Niger	115. The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia[a] <sup>3</sup>
Botswana [a]	48. Hungary	82. Nigeria	116. Togo
Brazil	49. Iceland	83. Norway	117. Trinidad and Tobago [a]
Brunei Darussalam	50. India	84. Oman	118. Tunisia
Bulgaria	51. Indonesia	85. Pakistan	119. Turkey
Burkina Faso	52. Iran (Islamic Republic of)	86. Panama	120. Turkmenistan
Burundi	53. Ireland	87. Papua New Guinea	121. Ukraine
Cameroon	54. Italy	88. Paraguay	122. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Canada	55. Japan	89. Peru	123. United Republic of Tanzania
Chile	56. Jordan [a]	90. Philippines	124. United States of America
China	57. Kenya	91. Poland	125. Uruguay
Cook Islands	58. Kuwait	92. Portugal	126. Uzbekistan
Costa Rica	59. Lao People's Democratic Republic	93. Qatar	127. Venezuela
Côte d'Ivoire	60. Latvia	94. Republic of Korea	128. Viet Nam
Croatia	61. Lesotho	95. Republic of Moldova	129. Zimbabwe
Cuba	62. Liechtenstein	96. Romania	
Cyprus	63. Lithuania	97. Russian Federation	
Czech Republic	64. Luxembourg	98. Saint Lucia	
Denmark	65. Malawi	99. San Marino	
Ecuador	66. Maldives	100. Saudi Arabia	
2. El Salvador	67. Mali	101. Senegal	<b>EIF pending:</b>
3. Equatorial Guinea	68. Malta	102. Seychelles	1. Eritrea (EIF 15-03-00) [a]

<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 30th 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 22 February 2000). 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, 47th 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 22 February 2000**

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.	Eritrea		14-02-00 [a]	15-03-00
36.	Estonia	14-01-93	26-05-99	25-06-99
37.	Ethiopia	14-01-93	13-05-96	29-04-97
38.	Fiji	14-01-93	20-01-93	29-04-97
39.	Finland	14-01-93	07-02-95	29-04-97
40.	France	13-01-93	02-03-95	29-04-97
41.	Gambia	13-01-93	19-05-98	18-06-98
42.	Georgia	14-01-93	27-11-95	29-04-97
43.	Germany	13-01-93	12-08-94	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.	Ghana	14-01-93	09-07-97	08-08-97
45.	Greece	13-01-93	22-12-94	29-04-97
46.	Guinea	14-01-93	09-06-97	09-07-97
47.	Guyana	06-10-93	12-09-97	12-10-97
48.	Holy See	14-01-93	12-05-99	11-06-99
49.	Hungary	13-01-93	31-10-96	29-04-97
50.	Iceland	13-01-93	28-04-97	29-04-97
51.	India	14-01-93	03-09-96	29-04-97
52.	Indonesia	13-01-93	12-11-98	12-12-98
53.	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	13-01-93	03-11-97	03-12-97
54.	Ireland	14-01-93	24-06-96	29-04-97
55.	Italy	13-01-93	08-12-95	29-04-97
56.	Japan	13-01-93	15-09-95	29-04-97
57.	Jordan		29-10-97 [a]	28-11-97
58.	Kenya	15-01-93	25-04-97	29-04-97
59.	Kuwait	27-01-93	29-05-97	28-06-97
60.	Lao People's Democratic Republic	13-05-93	25-02-97	29-04-97
61.	Latvia	06-05-93	23-07-96	29-04-97
62.	Lesotho	07-12-94	07-12-94	29-04-97
63.	Liechtenstein	21-07-93	24-11-99	24-12-99
64.	Lithuania	13-01-93	15-04-98	15-05-98
65.	Luxembourg	13-01-93	15-04-97	29-04-97
66.	Malawi	14-01-93	11-06-98	11-07-98
67.	Maldives	01-10-93	31-05-94	29-04-97
68.	Mali	13-01-93	28-04-97	29-04-97
69.	Malta	13-01-93	28-04-97	29-04-97
70.	Mauritania	13-01-93	09-02-98	11-03-98
71.	Mauritius	14-01-93	09-02-93	29-04-97
72.	Mexico	13-01-93	29-08-94	29-04-97
73.	Micronesia (Federated States of)	13-01-93	21-06-99	21-07-99
74.	Monaco	13-01-93	01-06-95	29-04-97
75.	Mongolia	14-01-93	17-01-95	29-04-97
76.	Morocco	13-01-93	28-12-95	29-04-97
77.	Namibia	13-01-93	27-11-95	29-04-97
78.	Nepal	19-01-93	18-11-97	18-12-97
79.	Netherlands	14-01-93	30-06-95	29-04-97
80.	New Zealand	14-01-93	15-07-96	29-04-97
81.	Nicaragua	09-03-93	05-11-99	05-12-99
82.	Niger	14-01-93	09-04-97	29-04-97
83.	Nigeria	13-01-93	20-05-99	19-06-99
84.	Norway	13-01-93	07-04-94	29-04-97
85.	Oman	02-02-93	08-02-95	29-04-97
86.	Pakistan	13-01-93	28-10-97	27-11-97
87.	Panama	16-06-93	07-10-98	06-11-98
88.	Papua New Guinea	14-01-93	17-04-96	29-04-97
89.	Paraguay	14-01-93	01-12-94	29-04-97
90.	Peru	14-01-93	20-07-95	29-04-97
91.	Philippines	13-01-93	11-12-96	29-04-97
92.	Poland	13-01-93	23-08-95	29-04-97
93.	Portugal	13-01-93	10-09-96	29-04-97
94.	Qatar	01-02-93	03-09-97	03-10-97
95.	Republic of Korea	14-01-93	28-04-97	29-04-97
96.	Republic of Moldova	13-01-93	08-07-96	29-04-97

<b>No.</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Signature<sup>6</sup></b>	<b>Deposit<sup>7</sup></b>	<b>Entry into force</b>
97.	Romania	13-01-93	15-02-95	29-04-97
98.	Russian Federation	13-01-93	05-11-97	05-12-97
99.	Saint Lucia	29-03-93	09-04-97	29-04-97
100.	San Marino	13-01-93	10-12-99	09-01-00
101.	Saudi Arabia	20-01-93	09-08-96	29-04-97
102.	Senegal	13-01-93	20-07-98	19-08-98
103.	Seychelles	15-01-93	07-04-93	29-04-97
104.	Singapore	14-01-93	21-05-97	20-06-97
105.	Slovakia	14-01-93	27-10-95	29-04-97
106.	Slovenia	14-01-93	11-06-97	11-07-97
107.	South Africa	14-01-93	13-09-95	29-04-97
108.	Spain	13-01-93	03-08-94	29-04-97
109.	Sri Lanka	14-01-93	19-08-94	29-04-97
110.	Sudan		24-05-99 [a]	23-06-99
111.	Suriname	28-04-97	28-04-97	29-04-97
112.	Swaziland	23-09-93	20-11-96	29-04-97
113.	Sweden	13-01-93	17-06-93	29-04-97
114.	Switzerland	14-01-93	10-03-95	29-04-97
115.	Tajikistan	14-01-93	11-01-95	29-04-97
116.	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia		20-06-97 [a]	20-07-97
117.	Togo	13-01-93	23-04-97	29-04-97
118.	Trinidad and Tobago		24-06-97 [a]	24-07-97
119.	Tunisia	13-01-93	15-04-97	29-04-97
120.	Turkey	14-01-93	12-05-97	11-06-97
121.	Turkmenistan	12-10-93	29-09-94	29-04-97
122.	Ukraine	13-01-93	16-10-98	15-11-98
123.	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	13-01-93	13-05-96	29-04-97
124.	United Republic of Tanzania	25-02-94	25-06-98	25-07-98
125.	United States of America	13-01-93	25-04-97	29-04-97
126.	Uruguay	15-01-93	06-10-94	29-04-97
127.	Uzbekistan	24-11-95	23-07-96	29-04-97
128.	Venezuela	14-01-93	03-12-97	02-01-98
129.	Viet Nam	13-01-93	30-09-98	30-10-98
130.	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 22 February 2000**

<b>No.</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Signature</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.	Gabon	13-01-93
17.	Grenada	09-04-97
18.	Guatemala	14-01-93
19.	Guinea-Bissau	14-01-93
20.	Haiti	14-01-93
21.	Honduras	13-01-93
22.	Israel	13-01-93
23.	Jamaica	18-04-97
24.	Kazakhstan	14-01-93
25.	Kyrgyzstan	22-02-93
26.	Liberia	15-01-93
27.	Madagascar	15-01-93
28.	Malaysia	13-01-93
29.	Marshall Islands	13-01-93
30.	Myanmar	14-01-93
31.	Nauru	13-01-93
32.	Rwanda	17-05-93
33.	Saint Kitts and Nevis	16-03-94
34.	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	20-09-93
35.	Samoa	14-01-93
36.	Sierra Leone	15-01-93
37.	Thailand	14-01-93
38.	Uganda	14-01-93
39.	United Arab Emirates	02-02-93
40.	Yemen	08-02-93
41.	Zambia	13-01-93