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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 12 April 2000</b>			
	Number of States Parties:		<b>131</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>2</b>
	Number of Signatory States which have not yet ratified:		<b>38</b>
<b>States Parties:</b>			
1. Albania	36. Eritrea [a]	69. Mali	103. Senegal
Algeria	37. Estonia	70. Malta	104. Seychelles
Argentina	38. Ethiopia	71. Mauritania	105. Singapore
Armenia	39. Fiji	72. Mauritius	106. Slovakia
Australia	40. Finland	73. Mexico	107. Slovenia
Austria	41. France	74. Micronesia (Federated States of)	108. South Africa
Azerbaijan	42. Gambia	75. Monaco	109. Spain
Bahrain	43. Georgia	76. Mongolia	110. Sri Lanka
Bangladesh	44. Germany	77. Morocco	111. Sudan [a]
Belarus	45. Ghana	78. Namibia	112. Suriname
Belgium	46. Greece	79. Nepal	113. Swaziland
Benin	47. Guinea	80. Netherlands	114. Sweden
Bolivia	48. Guyana	81. New Zealand	115. Switzerland
Bosnia and Herzegovina	49. Holy See	82. Nicaragua	116. Tajikistan
Botswana [a]	50. Hungary	83. Niger	117. The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia[a] <sup>3</sup>
Brazil	51. Iceland	84. Nigeria	118. Togo
Brunei Darussalam	52. India	85. Norway	119. Trinidad and Tobago [a]
Bulgaria	53. Indonesia	86. Oman	120. Tunisia
Burkina Faso	54. Iran (Islamic Republic of)	87. Pakistan	121. Turkey
Burundi	55. Ireland	88. Panama	122. Turkmenistan
Cameroon	56. Italy	89. Papua New Guinea	123. Ukraine
Canada	57. Japan	90. Paraguay	124. United Kingdom of Great Britain and N. Ireland
Chile	58. Jordan [a]	91. Peru	125. United Republic of Tanzania
China	59. Kenya	92. Philippines	126. United States of America
Cook Islands	60. Kuwait	93. Poland	127. Uruguay
Costa Rica	61. Lao People's Democratic Republic	94. Portugal	128. Uzbekistan
Côte d'Ivoire	62. Latvia	95. Qatar	129. Venezuela
Croatia	63. Lesotho	96. Republic of Korea	130. Viet Nam
Cuba	64. Liechtenstein	97. Republic of Moldova	131. Zimbabwe
Cyprus	65. Lithuania	98. Romania	
Czech Republic	66. Luxembourg	99. Russian Federation	
Denmark	67. Malawi	100. Saint Lucia	<b>EIF pending:</b>
Ecuador	68. Maldives	101. San Marino	1. Kazakhstan (EIF 22-04-00)
El Salvador		102. Saudi Arabia	2. Colombia (EIF 05-05-00)
Equatorial Guinea			

<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 12 April 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, 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 12 April 2000**

<b>No.</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Signature<sup>6</sup></b>	<b>Deposit<sup>7</sup></b>	<b>Entry into force</b>
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.	Azerbaijan	13-01-93	29-02-00	30-03-00
8.	Bahrain	24-02-93	28-04-97	29-04-97
9.	Bangladesh	14-01-93	25-04-97	29-04-97
10.	Belarus	14-01-93	11-07-96	29-04-97
11.	Belgium	13-01-93	27-01-97	29-04-97
12.	Benin	14-01-93	14-05-98	13-06-98
13.	Bolivia	14-01-93	14-08-98	13-09-98
14.	Bosnia and Herzegovina	16-01-97	25-02-97	29-04-97
15.	Botswana		31-08-98[a]	30-09-98
16.	Brazil	13-01-93	13-03-96	29-04-97
17.	Brunei Darussalam	13-01-93	28-07-97	27-08-97
18.	Bulgaria	13-01-93	10-08-94	29-04-97
19.	Burkina Faso	14-01-93	08-07-97	07-08-97
20.	Burundi	15-01-93	04-09-98	04-10-98
21.	Cameroon	14-01-93	16-09-96	29-04-97
22.	Canada	13-01-93	26-09-95	29-04-97
23.	Chile	14-01-93	12-07-96	29-04-97
24.	China	13-01-93	25-04-97	29-04-97
25.	Colombia	13-01-93	05-04-00	05-05-00
26.	Cook Islands	14-01-93	15-07-94	29-04-97
27.	Costa Rica	14-01-93	31-05-96	29-04-97
28.	Côte d'Ivoire	13-01-93	18-12-95	29-04-97
29.	Croatia	13-01-93	23-05-95	29-04-97
30.	Cuba	13-01-93	29-04-97	29-05-97
31.	Cyprus	13-01-93	28-08-98	27-09-98
32.	Czech Republic	14-01-93	06-03-96	29-04-97
33.	Denmark	14-01-93	13-07-95	29-04-97
34.	Ecuador	14-01-93	06-09-95	29-04-97
35.	El Salvador	14-01-93	30-10-95	29-04-97
36.	Equatorial Guinea	14-01-93	25-04-97	29-04-97
37.	Eritrea		14-02-00 [a]	15-03-00
38.	Estonia	14-01-93	26-05-99	25-06-99
39.	Ethiopia	14-01-93	13-05-96	29-04-97
40.	Fiji	14-01-93	20-01-93	29-04-97
41.	Finland	14-01-93	07-02-95	29-04-97
42.	France	13-01-93	02-03-95	29-04-97
43.	Gambia	13-01-93	19-05-98	18-06-98

<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.

<b>No.</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Signature<sup>6</sup></b>	<b>Deposit<sup>7</sup></b>	<b>Entry into force</b>
44.	Georgia	14-01-93	27-11-95	29-04-97
45.	Germany	13-01-93	12-08-94	29-04-97
46.	Ghana	14-01-93	09-07-97	08-08-97
47.	Greece	13-01-93	22-12-94	29-04-97
48.	Guinea	14-01-93	09-06-97	09-07-97
49.	Guyana	06-10-93	12-09-97	12-10-97
50.	Holy See	14-01-93	12-05-99	11-06-99
51.	Hungary	13-01-93	31-10-96	29-04-97
52.	Iceland	13-01-93	28-04-97	29-04-97
53.	India	14-01-93	03-09-96	29-04-97
54.	Indonesia	13-01-93	12-11-98	12-12-98
55.	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	13-01-93	03-11-97	03-12-97
56.	Ireland	14-01-93	24-06-96	29-04-97
57.	Italy	13-01-93	08-12-95	29-04-97
58.	Japan	13-01-93	15-09-95	29-04-97
59.	Jordan		29-10-97 [a]	28-11-97
60.	Kazakhstan	14-01-93	23-03-00	22-04-00
61.	Kenya	15-01-93	25-04-97	29-04-97
62.	Kuwait	27-01-93	29-05-97	28-06-97
63.	Lao People's Democratic Republic	13-05-93	25-02-97	29-04-97
64.	Latvia	06-05-93	23-07-96	29-04-97
65.	Lesotho	07-12-94	07-12-94	29-04-97
66.	Liechtenstein	21-07-93	24-11-99	24-12-99
67.	Lithuania	13-01-93	15-04-98	15-05-98
68.	Luxembourg	13-01-93	15-04-97	29-04-97
69.	Malawi	14-01-93	11-06-98	11-07-98
70.	Maldives	01-10-93	31-05-94	29-04-97
71.	Mali	13-01-93	28-04-97	29-04-97
72.	Malta	13-01-93	28-04-97	29-04-97
73.	Mauritania	13-01-93	09-02-98	11-03-98
74.	Mauritius	14-01-93	09-02-93	29-04-97
75.	Mexico	13-01-93	29-08-94	29-04-97
76.	Micronesia (Federated States of)	13-01-93	21-06-99	21-07-99
77.	Monaco	13-01-93	01-06-95	29-04-97
78.	Mongolia	14-01-93	17-01-95	29-04-97
79.	Morocco	13-01-93	28-12-95	29-04-97
80.	Namibia	13-01-93	27-11-95	29-04-97
81.	Nepal	19-01-93	18-11-97	18-12-97
82.	Netherlands	14-01-93	30-06-95	29-04-97
83.	New Zealand	14-01-93	15-07-96	29-04-97
84.	Nicaragua	09-03-93	05-11-99	05-12-99
85.	Niger	14-01-93	09-04-97	29-04-97
86.	Nigeria	13-01-93	20-05-99	19-06-99
87.	Norway	13-01-93	07-04-94	29-04-97
88.	Oman	02-02-93	08-02-95	29-04-97
89.	Pakistan	13-01-93	28-10-97	27-11-97
90.	Panama	16-06-93	07-10-98	06-11-98
91.	Papua New Guinea	14-01-93	17-04-96	29-04-97
92.	Paraguay	14-01-93	01-12-94	29-04-97
93.	Peru	14-01-93	20-07-95	29-04-97
94.	Philippines	13-01-93	11-12-96	29-04-97
95.	Poland	13-01-93	23-08-95	29-04-97
96.	Portugal	13-01-93	10-09-96	29-04-97

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97.	Qatar	01-02-93	03-09-97	03-10-97
98.	Republic of Korea	14-01-93	28-04-97	29-04-97
99.	Republic of Moldova	13-01-93	08-07-96	29-04-97
100.	Romania	13-01-93	15-02-95	29-04-97
101.	Russian Federation	13-01-93	05-11-97	05-12-97
102.	Saint Lucia	29-03-93	09-04-97	29-04-97
103.	San Marino	13-01-93	10-12-99	09-01-00
104.	Saudi Arabia	20-01-93	09-08-96	29-04-97
105.	Senegal	13-01-93	20-07-98	19-08-98
106.	Seychelles	15-01-93	07-04-93	29-04-97
107.	Singapore	14-01-93	21-05-97	20-06-97
108.	Slovakia	14-01-93	27-10-95	29-04-97
109.	Slovenia	14-01-93	11-06-97	11-07-97
110.	South Africa	14-01-93	13-09-95	29-04-97
111.	Spain	13-01-93	03-08-94	29-04-97
112.	Sri Lanka	14-01-93	19-08-94	29-04-97
113.	Sudan		24-05-99 [a]	23-06-99
114.	Suriname	28-04-97	28-04-97	29-04-97
115.	Swaziland	23-09-93	20-11-96	29-04-97
116.	Sweden	13-01-93	17-06-93	29-04-97
117.	Switzerland	14-01-93	10-03-95	29-04-97
118.	Tajikistan	14-01-93	11-01-95	29-04-97
119.	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia		20-06-97 [a]	20-07-97
120.	Togo	13-01-93	23-04-97	29-04-97
121.	Trinidad and Tobago		24-06-97 [a]	24-07-97
122.	Tunisia	13-01-93	15-04-97	29-04-97
123.	Turkey	14-01-93	12-05-97	11-06-97
124.	Turkmenistan	12-10-93	29-09-94	29-04-97
125.	Ukraine	13-01-93	16-10-98	15-11-98
126.	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	13-01-93	13-05-96	29-04-97
127.	United Republic of Tanzania	25-02-94	25-06-98	25-07-98
128.	United States of America	13-01-93	25-04-97	29-04-97
129.	Uruguay	15-01-93	06-10-94	29-04-97
130.	Uzbekistan	24-11-95	23-07-96	29-04-97
131.	Venezuela	14-01-93	03-12-97	02-01-98
132.	Viet Nam	13-01-93	30-09-98	30-10-98
133.	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 12 April 2000**

<b>No.</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Signature</b>
1.	Afghanistan	14-01-93
2.	Bahamas	02-03-94
3.	Bhutan	24-04-97
4.	Cambodia	15-01-93
5.	Cape Verde	15-01-93
6.	Central African Republic	14-01-93
7.	Chad	11-10-94
8.	Comoros	13-01-93
9.	Congo	15-01-93
10.	Democratic Republic of the Congo	14-01-93
11.	Djibouti	28-09-93
12.	Dominica	02-08-93
13.	Dominican Republic	13-01-93
14.	Gabon	13-01-93
15.	Grenada	09-04-97
16.	Guatemala	14-01-93
17.	Guinea-Bissau	14-01-93
18.	Haiti	14-01-93
19.	Honduras	13-01-93
20.	Israel	13-01-93
21.	Jamaica	18-04-97
22.	Kyrgyzstan	22-02-93
23.	Liberia	15-01-93
24.	Madagascar	15-01-93
25.	Malaysia	13-01-93
26.	Marshall Islands	13-01-93
27.	Myanmar	14-01-93
28.	Nauru	13-01-93
29.	Rwanda	17-05-93
30.	Saint Kitts and Nevis	16-03-94
31.	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	20-09-93
32.	Samoa	14-01-93
33.	Sierra Leone	15-01-93
34.	Thailand	14-01-93
35.	Uganda	14-01-93
36.	United Arab Emirates	02-02-93
37.	Yemen	08-02-93
38.	Zambia	13-01-93