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**NOTE BY THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT**

**STATUS OF PARTICIPATION IN THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION<sup>1</sup>  
AS AT 20 NOVEMBER 2008**

<b>SUMMARY</b>	
Number of States Parties:	<b>184</b>
Number of States that had deposited an instrument of accession or ratification and for which the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”) had not yet entered into force:	<b>1</b>
Number of signatory States that had not yet ratified the Convention:	<b>4</b>
Number of States that had neither signed nor acceded to the Convention:	<b>6</b>

**Introductory note**

1. The Convention was adopted in Geneva on 3 September 1992 by the Conference on Disarmament,<sup>2</sup> which transmitted it to the United Nations (UN) General Assembly at its forty-seventh session. The General Assembly commended the Convention and requested the UN Secretary-General, as Depositary, to open it for signature in Paris on 13 January 1993.<sup>3</sup> The Convention remained open for signature in Paris from 13 to 15 January 1993, and thereafter at UN Headquarters, New York, until 29 April 1997, when it entered into force. It had been signed by 165 States. States that did not sign the Convention before entry into force may join it at any time thereafter.

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

<sup>2</sup> Report of the Conference on Disarmament, “Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-Seventh Session, Supplement no. 27” (A/47/27), paragraphs 73 and 74.

<sup>3</sup> A/RES/47/39, dated 16 December 1992.



2. For States that ratify or accede to the Convention after 29 April 1997, it enters into force on the 30th day after the date on which they deposit the instrument of ratification or accession with the UN Secretary-General in his capacity as Depository. For States that succeed to the Convention, it enters into force on the date as and from which they assume responsibility for conducting their own international relations.
3. The following table shows all States Parties as at 20 November 2008, and indicates, for each State Party, as at that date, the dates on which it signed the Convention and/or deposited its instrument of ratification or accession or its instrument of succession with the Depository, and on which the Convention entered into force for it. The second table lists States that had deposited an instrument of accession or ratification and for which the Convention had not yet entered into force as at 20 November 2008. The third and fourth tables list signatory and non-signatory States, respectively, as at 20 November 2008. All lists are alphabetical.

**STATES PARTIES TO THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION  
AS AT 20 NOVEMBER 2008<sup>4</sup>**

No.	State Party	Dates		
		Signature	Deposit	Entry into Force
1.	Afghanistan	14-01-93	24-09-03	24-10-03
2.	Albania	14-01-93	11-05-94	29-04-97
3.	Algeria	13-01-93	14-08-95	29-04-97
4.	Andorra		27-02-03[a]	29-03-03
5.	Antigua and Barbuda		29-08-05[a]	28-09-05
6.	Argentina	13-01-93	02-10-95	29-04-97
7.	Armenia	19-03-93	27-01-95	29-04-97
8.	Australia	13-01-93	06-05-94	29-04-97
9.	Austria	13-01-93	17-08-95	29-04-97
10.	Azerbaijan	13-01-93	29-02-00	30-03-00
11.	Bahrain	24-02-93	28-04-97	29-04-97
12.	Bangladesh	14-01-93	25-04-97	29-04-97
13.	Barbados		07-03-07[a]	06-04-07
14.	Belarus	14-01-93	11-07-96	29-04-97
15.	Belgium	13-01-93	27-01-97	29-04-97
16.	Belize		01-12-03[a]	31-12-03
17.	Benin	14-01-93	14-05-98	13-06-98
18.	Bhutan	24-04-97	18-08-05	17-09-05
19.	Bolivia	14-01-93	14-08-98	13-09-98
20.	Bosnia and Herzegovina	16-01-97	25-02-97	29-04-97
21.	Botswana		31-08-98[a]	30-09-98

<sup>4</sup> For each State Party listed below, the date in the "Signature" column is that on which it signed the original of the Convention, which was received by the UN Secretary-General as Depository, while the date in the "Deposit" column is that on which the Secretary-General received an instrument of accession or ratification by the State Party. Throughout the table, "[a]" means "deposit of instrument of accession", and "[d]" means "deposit of instrument of succession".

No.	State Party	Dates		
		Signature	Deposit	Entry into Force
22.	Brazil	13-01-93	13-03-96	29-04-97
23.	Brunei Darussalam	13-01-93	28-07-97	27-08-97
24.	Bulgaria	13-01-93	10-08-94	29-04-97
25.	Burkina Faso	14-01-93	08-07-97	07-08-97
26.	Burundi	15-01-93	04-09-98	04-10-98
27.	Cambodia	15-01-93	19-07-05	18-08-05
28.	Cameroon	14-01-93	16-09-96	29-04-97
29.	Canada	13-01-93	26-09-95	29-04-97
30.	Cape Verde	15-01-93	10-10-03	09-11-03
31.	Central African Republic	14-01-93	20-09-06	20-10-06
32.	Chad	11-10-94	13-02-04	14-03-04
33.	Chile	14-01-93	12-07-96	29-04-97
34.	China	13-01-93	25-04-97	29-04-97
35.	Colombia	13-01-93	05-04-00	05-05-00
36.	Comoros	13-01-93	18-08-06	17-09-06
37.	Congo	15-01-93	04-12-07	03-01-08
38.	Cook Islands	14-01-93	15-07-94	29-04-97
39.	Costa Rica	14-01-93	31-05-96	29-04-97
40.	Côte d'Ivoire	13-01-93	18-12-95	29-04-97
41.	Croatia	13-01-93	23-05-95	29-04-97
42.	Cuba	13-01-93	29-04-97	29-05-97
43.	Cyprus	13-01-93	28-08-98	27-09-98
44.	Czech Republic	14-01-93	06-03-96	29-04-97
45.	Democratic Republic of the Congo	14-01-93	12-10-05	11-11-05
46.	Denmark	14-01-93	13-07-95	29-04-97
47.	Djibouti	28-09-93	25-01-06	24-02-06
48.	Dominica	02-08-93	12-02-01	14-03-01
49.	Ecuador	14-01-93	06-09-95	29-04-97
50.	El Salvador	14-01-93	30-10-95	29-04-97
51.	Equatorial Guinea	14-01-93	25-04-97	29-04-97
52.	Eritrea		14-02-00[a]	15-03-00
53.	Estonia	14-01-93	26-05-99	25-06-99
54.	Ethiopia	14-01-93	13-05-96	29-04-97
55.	Fiji	14-01-93	20-01-93	29-04-97
56.	Finland	14-01-93	07-02-95	29-04-97
57.	France	13-01-93	02-03-95	29-04-97
58.	Gabon	13-01-93	08-09-00	08-10-00
59.	Gambia	13-01-93	19-05-98	18-06-98
60.	Georgia	14-01-93	27-11-95	29-04-97
61.	Germany	13-01-93	12-08-94	29-04-97
62.	Ghana	14-01-93	09-07-97	08-08-97
63.	Greece	13-01-93	22-12-94	29-04-97
64.	Grenada	09-04-97	03-06-05	03-07-05

No.	State Party	Dates		
		Signature	Deposit	Entry into Force
65.	Guatemala	14-01-93	12-02-03	14-03-03
66.	Guinea	14-01-93	09-06-97	09-07-97
67.	Guinea-Bissau	14-01-93	20-05-08	19-06-08
68.	Guyana	06-10-93	12-09-97	12-10-97
69.	Haiti	14-01-93	22-02-06	24-03-06
70.	Holy See	14-01-93	12-05-99	11-06-99
71.	Honduras	13-01-93	29-08-05	28-09-05
72.	Hungary	13-01-93	31-10-96	29-04-97
73.	Iceland	13-01-93	28-04-97	29-04-97
74.	India	14-01-93	03-09-96	29-04-97
75.	Indonesia	13-01-93	12-11-98	12-12-98
76.	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	13-01-93	03-11-97	03-12-97
77.	Ireland	14-01-93	24-06-96	29-04-97
78.	Italy	13-01-93	08-12-95	29-04-97
79.	Jamaica	18-04-97	08-09-00	08-10-00
80.	Japan	13-01-93	15-09-95	29-04-97
81.	Jordan		29-10-97[a]	28-11-97
82.	Kazakhstan	14-01-93	23-03-00	22-04-00
83.	Kenya	15-01-93	25-04-97	29-04-97
84.	Kiribati		07-09-00[a]	07-10-00
85.	Kuwait	27-01-93	29-05-97	28-06-97
86.	Kyrgyzstan	22-02-93	29-09-03	29-10-03
87.	Lao People's Democratic Republic	13-05-93	25-02-97	29-04-97
88.	Latvia	06-05-93	23-07-96	29-04-97
89.	Lesotho	07-12-94	07-12-94	29-04-97
90.	Liberia	15-01-93	23-02-06	25-03-06
91.	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya		06-01-04[a]	05-02-04
92.	Liechtenstein	21-07-93	24-11-99	24-12-99
93.	Lithuania	13-01-93	15-04-98	15-05-98
94.	Luxembourg	13-01-93	15-04-97	29-04-97
95.	Madagascar	15-01-93	20-10-04	19-11-04
96.	Malawi	14-01-93	11-06-98	11-07-98
97.	Malaysia	13-01-93	20-04-00	20-05-00
98.	Maldives	01-10-93	31-05-94	29-04-97
99.	Mali	13-01-93	28-04-97	29-04-97
100.	Malta	13-01-93	28-04-97	29-04-97
101.	Marshall Islands	13-01-93	19-05-04	18-06-04
102.	Mauritania	13-01-93	09-02-98	11-03-98
103.	Mauritius	14-01-93	09-02-93	29-04-97
104.	Mexico	13-01-93	29-08-94	29-04-97
105.	Micronesia (Federated States of)	13-01-93	21-06-99	21-07-99
106.	Monaco	13-01-93	01-06-95	29-04-97

No.	State Party	Dates		
		Signature	Deposit	Entry into Force
107.	Mongolia	14-01-93	17-01-95	29-04-97
108.	Montenegro <sup>5</sup>		23-10-06[d]	03-06-06
109.	Morocco	13-01-93	28-12-95	29-04-97
110.	Mozambique		15-08-00[a]	14-09-00
111.	Namibia	13-01-93	27-11-95	29-04-97
112.	Nauru	13-01-93	12-11-01	12-12-01
113.	Nepal	19-01-93	18-11-97	18-12-97
114.	Netherlands <sup>6</sup>	14-01-93	30-06-95	29-04-97
115.	New Zealand	14-01-93	15-07-96	29-04-97
116.	Nicaragua	09-03-93	05-11-99	05-12-99
117.	Niger	14-01-93	09-04-97	29-04-97
118.	Nigeria	13-01-93	20-05-99	19-06-99
119.	Niue		21-04-05[a]	21-05-05
120.	Norway	13-01-93	07-04-94	29-04-97
121.	Oman	02-02-93	08-02-95	29-04-97
122.	Pakistan	13-01-93	28-10-97	27-11-97
123.	Palau		03-02-03[a]	05-03-03
124.	Panama	16-06-93	07-10-98	06-11-98
125.	Papua New Guinea	14-01-93	17-04-96	29-04-97
126.	Paraguay	14-01-93	01-12-94	29-04-97
127.	Peru	14-01-93	20-07-95	29-04-97
128.	Philippines	13-01-93	11-12-96	29-04-97
129.	Poland	13-01-93	23-08-95	29-04-97
130.	Portugal	13-01-93	10-09-96	29-04-97
131.	Qatar	01-02-93	03-09-97	03-10-97

<sup>5</sup> The UN Web site <http://untreaty.un.org> reports as follows:

“The National Assembly of the Republic of Montenegro adopted its Declaration of Independence on 3 June 2006, following the referendum in the Republic of Montenegro on 21 May 2006, which took place pursuant to Article 60 of the Constitutional Charter of Serbia and Montenegro. Montenegro was admitted to membership in the United Nations by General Assembly resolution A/RES/60/264 on 28 June 2006.

In a letter dated 10 October 2006, received by the Secretary-General on 23 October 2006 and accompanied by a list of multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General, the Government of the Republic of Montenegro notified that:

‘[The Government of] ...the Republic of Montenegro decided to succeed to the treaties to which the State Union of Serbia and Montenegro was a party or signatory.

[The Government of] the Republic of Montenegro succeeds to the treaties listed in the attached Annex and undertakes faithfully to perform and carry out the stipulations therein contained as from June 3rd 2006, which is the date the Republic of Montenegro assumed responsibility for its international relations and the Parliament of Montenegro adopted the Declaration of Independence.

[The Government of] the Republic of Montenegro does maintain the reservations, declarations and objections made by Serbia and Montenegro, as indicated in the Annex to this instrument, prior to the date on which the Republic of Montenegro assumed responsibility for its international relations.’”

\*The square brackets in this citation appear in the UN text.

<sup>6</sup> Depository Notification C.N. 167.1997.TREATIES-4 indicates that, on 28 April 1997, the Netherlands deposited its instrument of ratification for Aruba and the Netherlands Antilles with the UN Secretary-General as Depository.

No.	State Party	Dates		
		Signature	Deposit	Entry into Force
132.	Republic of Korea	14-01-93	28-04-97	29-04-97
133.	Republic of Moldova	13-01-93	08-07-96	29-04-97
134.	Romania	13-01-93	15-02-95	29-04-97
135.	Russian Federation	13-01-93	05-11-97	05-12-97
136.	Rwanda	17-05-93	31-03-04	30-04-04
137.	Saint Kitts and Nevis	16-03-94	21-05-04	20-06-04
138.	Saint Lucia	29-03-93	09-04-97	29-04-97
139.	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	20-09-93	18-09-02	18-10-02
140.	Samoa	14-01-93	27-09-02	27-10-02
141.	San Marino	13-01-93	10-12-99	09-01-00
142.	Sao Tome and Principe		09-09-03[a]	09-10-03
143.	Saudi Arabia	20-01-93	09-08-96	29-04-97
144.	Senegal	13-01-93	20-07-98	19-08-98
145.	Serbia <sup>7</sup>		20-04-00[a]	20-05-00
146.	Seychelles	15-01-93	07-04-93	29-04-97
147.	Sierra Leone	15-01-93	30-09-04	30-10-04
148.	Singapore	14-01-93	21-05-97	20-06-97
149.	Slovakia	14-01-93	27-10-95	29-04-97
150.	Slovenia	14-01-93	11-06-97	11-07-97
151.	Solomon Islands		23-09-04[a]	23-10-04
152.	South Africa	14-01-93	13-09-95	29-04-97
153.	Spain	13-01-93	03-08-94	29-04-97
154.	Sri Lanka	14-01-93	19-08-94	29-04-97
155.	Sudan		24-05-99[a]	23-06-99
156.	Suriname	28-04-97	28-04-97	29-04-97
157.	Swaziland	23-09-93	20-11-96	29-04-97
158.	Sweden	13-01-93	17-06-93	29-04-97
159.	Switzerland	14-01-93	10-03-95	29-04-97
160.	Tajikistan	14-01-93	11-01-95	29-04-97
161.	Thailand	14-01-93	10-12-02	09-01-03
162.	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia		20-06-97[a]	20-07-97
163.	Timor-Leste		07-05-03[a]	06-06-03
164.	Togo	13-01-93	23-04-97	29-04-97
165.	Tonga		29-05-03[a]	28-06-03
166.	Trinidad and Tobago		24-06-97[a]	24-07-97
167.	Tunisia	13-01-93	15-04-97	29-04-97
168.	Turkey	14-01-93	12-05-97	11-06-97
169.	Turkmenistan	12-10-93	29-09-94	29-04-97
170.	Tuvalu		19-01-04[a]	18-02-04
171.	Uganda	14-01-93	30-11-01	30-12-01

<sup>7</sup> The UN Secretary-General has indicated that all treaty actions undertaken by Serbia and Montenegro continue in force with respect to Serbia with effect from 3 June 2006.

No.	State Party	Dates		
		Signature	Deposit	Entry into Force
172.	Ukraine	13-01-93	16-10-98	15-11-98
173.	United Arab Emirates	02-02-93	28-11-00	28-12-00
174.	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland <sup>8</sup>	13-01-93	13-05-96	29-04-97
175.	United Republic of Tanzania	25-02-94	25-06-98	25-07-98
176.	United States of America	13-01-93	25-04-97	29-04-97
177.	Uruguay	15-01-93	06-10-94	29-04-97
178.	Uzbekistan	24-11-95	23-07-96	29-04-97
179.	Vanuatu		16-09-05[a]	16-10-05
180.	Venezuela	14-01-93	03-12-97	02-01-98
181.	Viet Nam	13-01-93	30-09-98	30-10-98
182.	Yemen	08-02-93	02-10-00	01-11-00
183.	Zambia	13-01-93	09-02-01	11-03-01
184.	Zimbabwe	13-01-93	25-04-97	29-04-97

<sup>8</sup> Depository Notification C.N. 1098.2005.TREATIES-9 indicates that, on 26 October 2005, the UN Secretary-General received from the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland a notification that that State Party's ratification of the Convention shall extend to the following territories, for whose international relations the State Party is responsible: Bailiwick of Guernsey, Bailiwick of Jersey, Isle of Man; Anguilla, Bermuda, British Antarctic Territory, British Indian Ocean Territory, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Falkland Islands, Gibraltar, Montserrat, Pitcairn, Henderson, Ducie and Oeno Islands, St Helena and Dependencies, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands, Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia, and Turks and Caicos Islands.

**STATES NOT PARTY**

**STATES THAT HAD DEPOSITED AN INSTRUMENT OF ACCESSION OR  
RATIFICATION AND FOR WHICH THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION  
HAD NOT YET ENTERED INTO FORCE  
AS AT 20 NOVEMBER 2008**

<b>No.</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Date of Deposit</b>
1.	Lebanon	20-11-08 [a]



**STATES NOT PARTY**

**SIGNATORY STATES THAT HAD NOT RATIFIED  
THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION  
AS AT 20 NOVEMBER 2008**

<b>No.</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Date of Signature</b>
1.	Bahamas	02-03-94
2.	Dominican Republic	13-01-93
3.	Israel	13-01-93
4.	Myanmar	14-01-93

**STATES NOT PARTY**

**STATES THAT HAD NEITHER SIGNED NOR ACCEDED  
TO THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION  
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1.	Angola
2.	Democratic People's Republic of Korea
3.	Egypt
4.	Iraq
5.	Somalia
6.	Syrian Arab Republic

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