



NOTE BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

STATUS REPORT ON THE TIMELY SUBMISSION BY STATES PARTIES OF DECLARATIONS UNDER ARTICLE VI OF THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION FOR THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY TO 31 MAY 2024

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Note, which is being submitted to the Executive Council (the Council) for consideration at its 106th Session, provides an update on the information and analysis related to the implementation by the Technical Secretariat (the Secretariat) and States Parties of the decision “Timely Submission by States Parties of Declarations under Article VI of the Convention” (EC-51/DEC.1, dated 27 November 2007). It covers the period 1 January to 31 May 2024.
- 1.2 In response to Council decision EC-51/DEC.1, which requests all States Parties to meet their obligations regarding annual declarations in a timely manner, the Secretariat sent a note verbale to all States Parties (NV/VER/DEB-67/24, dated 23 January 2024) reminding them of the requirements of the decision and of the deadline for submission of annual declarations on past activities (ADPA) for 2023.
- 1.3 In the decision, the Council also requested the Secretariat “to make its requirements known at regional meetings and at any other venues that the Secretariat deems effective”. The Secretariat continues to highlight the importance of timely submissions of declarations by the States Parties during all events organised for National Authorities where declaration obligations are on the agenda.

2. SUBMISSION OF INITIAL DECLARATIONS UNDER ARTICLE VI

During the reporting period, the Secretariat did not receive any initial declarations. As at 31 May 2024, only one State Party, Tonga, had yet to submit its initial declaration under Article VI of the Chemical Weapons Convention (the Convention). The Secretariat will continue to work with this State Party towards the submission of its outstanding initial declaration.



3. SUBMISSION OF ANNUAL DECLARATIONS UNDER ARTICLE VI

- 3.1 The deadline for the submission of ADPA 2023 was 30 March 2024. As at that date, the Secretariat had received ADPA 2023 from 68 States Parties with declarable activities in 2023. In addition, eight States Parties informed the Secretariat that they had no declarable activities (“nil” declarations).¹ After 30 March 2024, an additional 15 States Parties submitted information on declarable facilities or activities, and six States Parties submitted a nil declaration for ADPA 2023, in accordance with the Verification Annex to the Convention.
- 3.2 In summary, between 1 January and 31 May 2024, a total of 83 States Parties had submitted declarations on declarable activities for 2023. Of these 83 States Parties, 68 (82%) were on time in submitting at least part of their declaration. The status of ADPA 2023 submissions is detailed in Annexes 1 and 2 to this report.
- 3.3 The deadlines for the submission of annual declarations on anticipated activities for 2024 were 2 October 2023 (for Schedule 1 facilities) and 1 November 2023 (for Schedule 2 and 3 plant sites). Since the 105th Session of the Council, one State Party has declared activities and facilities for 2024.
- 3.4 In paragraph 4 of EC-51/DEC.1, the Council requests “States Parties that anticipate difficulties in regard to the timely submission of their declarations in accordance with the deadlines in the Convention to inform the Secretariat at the earliest possible date of the circumstances of such difficulties”. As at the deadline for the submission of ADPA 2023, one State Party (Ireland) had submitted such information.

4. ONGOING EFFORTS TO ASSIST STATES PARTIES

- 4.1 The Secretariat stands ready to offer States Parties advice and assistance where needed regarding the submission of their annual declarations. In the past, the Secretariat has provided customised support, through bilateral consultations with National Authorities, to the States Parties that encountered difficulties in identifying declarable activities, collecting data for declaration, and preparing and submitting their annual declarations. The Secretariat continues to work with concerned States Parties towards the submission of complete and accurate annual declarations on time.
- 4.2 The Secretariat continues to support States Parties in using the new Secure Information Exchange System (SIX) for the exchange of confidential information, in particular declarations. Currently, there are 120 active users of SIX from 64 States Parties. As at 31 May 2024, the system had been used by 40 States Parties for the submission of ADPA 2023. Further details and updates regarding the system are available in Note S/2291/2024 (dated 27 May 2024). The SIX project team is available for questions from States Parties and can be contacted via email (six@opcw.org).

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Although the submission of nil declarations is not a requirement of the Convention, a number of States Parties choose to provide the Secretariat with such information voluntarily.

5. ANALYSIS OF TRENDS IN THE TIMELINESS OF PAST ADPA^{2,3}

5.1 The percentage of ADPA received on time has improved since 2020, following the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, the overall number of States Parties with declarable activities in ADPA 2023 is slightly higher than in ADPA 2022, namely, 83 compared to 79 as at 31 May for each of the respective years. More statistics on ADPA submissions from 1997 to 2023 are shown in Figures 1 and 2 below.

FIGURE 1: OVERVIEW OF SUBMISSIONS OF ADPA 1997 – 2023

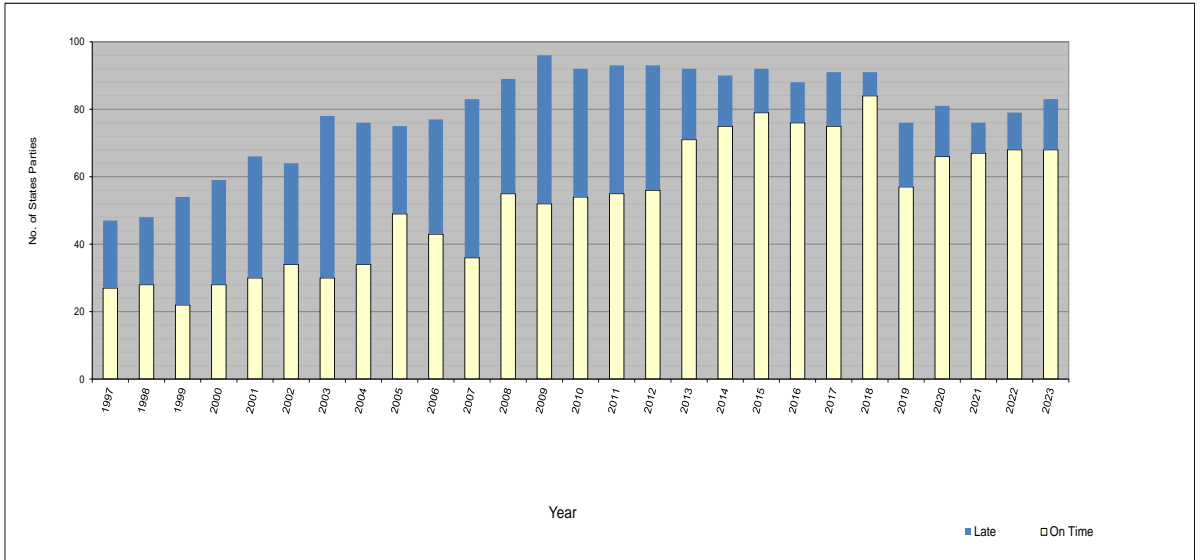
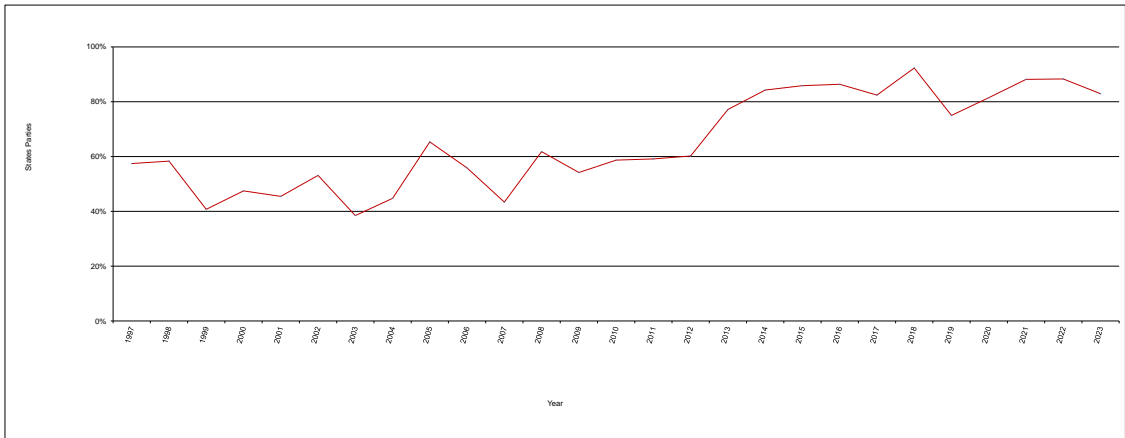


FIGURE 2: OVERVIEW OF THE PERCENTAGE OF ADPA 1997 – 2023 SUBMITTED ON TIME

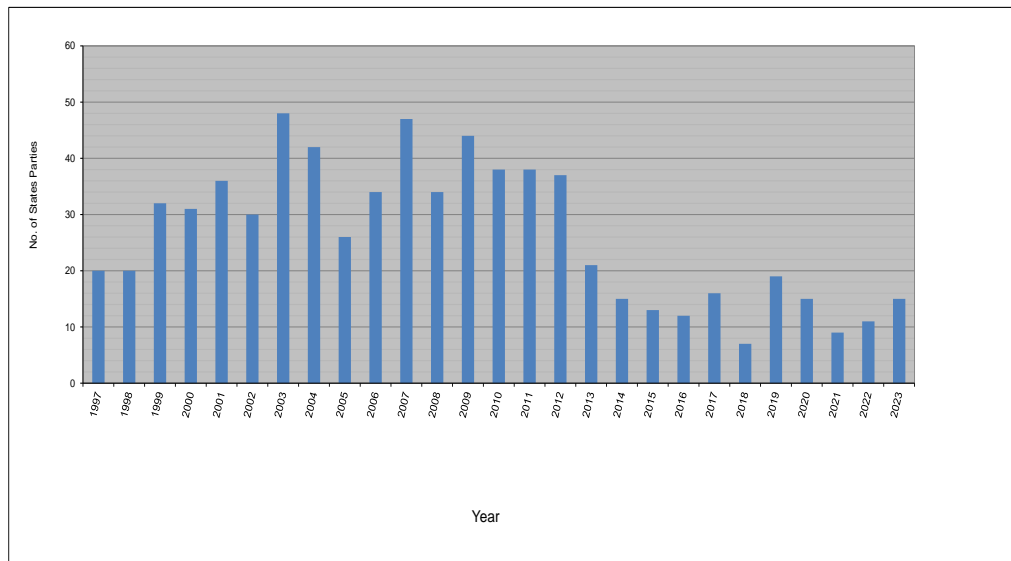


² The numbers and percentages of States Parties in this section do not include submissions of nil declarations.
³ For Figures 1 to 3, the cut-off date for submissions is 31 May for each of the respective years.

5.2 In order to highlight the importance of timely submissions, and for verification purposes, the Secretariat contacted seven States Parties that had declarable activities in 2022 and did not submit their ADPA 2023, seeking clarification as to whether those activities remained declarable in 2023.

5.3 As at 31 May 2024, 15 States Parties were late in submitting declarable activities for ADPA 2023; 10 of these States Parties submitted their declarations within 30 days of the deadline, and five submitted their declarations more than 30 days after the deadline. An overview of late submissions of ADPA from 1997 to 2023 is provided in Figure 3 below.

FIGURE 3: OVERVIEW OF LATE SUBMISSIONS OF ADPA 1997 – 2023



Annexes:

Annex 1: Timely Submissions of Annual Declarations on Past Activities for 2023 (as at 30 March 2024)

Annex 2: Additional Submissions of Annual Declarations on Past Activities for 2023 (as at 31 May 2024)

Annex 1

TIMELY SUBMISSIONS OF ANNUAL DECLARATIONS ON PAST ACTIVITIES FOR 2023 (AS AT 30 MARCH 2024)

In the table below an asterisk (*) denotes the submission of a nil declaration.

	State Party	Schedule 1 Facilities	Schedule 1 Transfers	Schedule 2 Plant Sites	Schedule 2 AND ⁴	Schedule 3 Plant Sites	Schedule 3 AND	OCPF ⁵ Update
1.	Afghanistan*	28-Mar-24*		28-Mar-24*		28-Mar-24*		28-Mar-24*
2.	Algeria						28-Mar-24	28-Mar-24
3.	Argentina			28-Mar-24	28-Mar-24	28-Mar-24	28-Mar-24	28-Mar-24
4.	Armenia*	19-Mar-24*		19-Mar-24*		19-Mar-24*		19-Mar-24*
5.	Australia	28-Mar-24	28-Mar-24	28-Mar-24	28-Mar-24	28-Mar-24	28-Mar-24	28-Mar-24
6.	Austria	28-Mar-24		28-Mar-24	28-Mar-24	28-Mar-24	28-Mar-24	28-Mar-24
7.	Bahrain						11-Mar-24	
8.	Bangladesh						29-Mar-24	29-Mar-24
9.	Belarus					01-Mar-24	01-Mar-24	01-Mar-24
10.	Belgium	27-Mar-24	27-Mar-24	27-Mar-24	27-Mar-24	27-Mar-24	27-Mar-24	27-Mar-24
11.	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)						28-Mar-24	
12.	Bosnia and Herzegovina							28-Mar-24
13.	Brazil			18-Mar-24	18-Mar-24	18-Mar-24	18-Mar-24	18-Mar-24
14.	Bulgaria			18-Mar-24	18-Mar-24		18-Mar-24	18-Mar-24
15.	Burkina Faso*				29-Mar-24*		29-Mar-24*	
16.	Canada	26-Mar-24	26-Mar-24	26-Mar-24	26-Mar-24		26-Mar-24	26-Mar-24
17.	Chile						15-Mar-24	15-Mar-24
18.	China	28-Mar-24		28-Mar-24	28-Mar-24	28-Mar-24	28-Mar-24	28-Mar-24
19.	Colombia				27-Mar-24		27-Mar-24	27-Mar-24
20.	Costa Rica						25-Mar-24	25-Mar-24
21.	Croatia						08-Mar-24	08-Mar-24

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AND = aggregate national data.

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OCPF = other chemical production facility.

	State Party	Schedule 1 Facilities	Schedule 1 Transfers	Schedule 2 Plant Sites	Schedule 2 AND ⁴	Schedule 3 Plant Sites	Schedule 3 AND	OCPF ⁵ Update
22.	Cuba *						27-Mar-24	27-Mar-24
23.	Cyprus *							22-Mar-24*
24.	Czech Republic	15-Mar-24	15-Mar-24	15-Mar-24	15-Mar-24	15-Mar-24	15-Mar-24	15-Mar-24
25.	Ecuador						21-Mar-24	21-Mar-24
26.	El Salvador						25-Mar-24	
27.	Estonia						11-Mar-24	11-Mar-24
28.	Ethiopia						26-Mar-24	26-Mar-24
29.	Finland	01-Mar-24	01-Mar-24	01-Mar-24	01-Mar-24		01-Mar-24	01-Mar-24
30.	France	12-Mar-24	12-Mar-24	25-Mar-24	25-Mar-24	25-Mar-24	25-Mar-24	25-Mar-24
31.	Georgia					13-Mar-24	13-Mar-24	13-Mar-24
32.	Germany		26-Mar-24	26-Mar-24	26-Mar-24	26-Mar-24	26-Mar-24	26-Mar-24
33.	Guatemala							21-Mar-24
34.	Hungary			27-Mar-24	27-Mar-24	27-Mar-24	27-Mar-24	27-Mar-24
35.	India	26-Feb-24	26-Feb-24	26-Feb-24	26-Feb-24	26-Feb-24	26-Feb-24	26-Feb-24
36.	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	15-Mar-24	15-Mar-24	15-Mar-24		15-Mar-24	15-Mar-24	15-Mar-24
37.	Iraq						20-Mar-24	20-Mar-24
38.	Italy			26-Mar-24	26-Mar-24	26-Mar-24	26-Mar-24	26-Mar-24
39.	Japan	15-Mar-24		25-Mar-24	25-Mar-24	25-Mar-24	25-Mar-24	25-Mar-24
40.	Jordan						28-Mar-24	28-Mar-24
41.	Kenya						27-Mar-24	27-Mar-24
42.	Latvia			27-Mar-24	27-Mar-24			27-Mar-24
43.	Libya							08-Mar-24
44.	Liechtenstein *				22-Mar-24*		22-Mar-24*	
45.	Luxembourg *	29-Mar-24*	29-Mar-24*	29-Mar-24*	29-Mar-24*	29-Mar-24*	29-Mar-24*	29-Mar-24*
46.	Malaysia				29-Mar-24	29-Mar-24	29-Mar-24	29-Mar-24
47.	Mauritius						25-Mar-24	
48.	Mexico			19-Mar-24	19-Mar-24	19-Mar-24	19-Mar-24	19-Mar-24
49.	Mongolia *			29-Mar-24*	29-Mar-24*	29-Mar-24*	29-Mar-24*	29-Mar-24*
50.	Morocco						29-Mar-24	29-Mar-24

	State Party	Schedule 1 Facilities	Schedule 1 Transfers	Schedule 2 Plant Sites	Schedule 2 AND ⁴	Schedule 3 Plant Sites	Schedule 3 AND	OCPF ⁵ Update
51.	Netherlands	28-Mar-24		28-Mar-24	28-Mar-24	28-Mar-24	28-Mar-24	28-Mar-24
52.	New Zealand		28-Mar-24		28-Mar-24		28-Mar-24	28-Mar-24
53.	Norway	22-Mar-24	22-Mar-24	22-Mar-24	22-Mar-24		22-Mar-24	22-Mar-24
54.	Pakistan	14-Mar-24					14-Mar-24	14-Mar-24
55.	Peru						26-Mar-24	26-Mar-24
56.	Poland			29-Mar-24	29-Mar-24	29-Mar-24	29-Mar-24	29-Mar-24
57.	Portugal		28-Mar-24	28-Mar-24	28-Mar-24	28-Mar-24	28-Mar-24	28-Mar-24
58.	Qatar						21-Mar-24	21-Mar-24
59.	Republic of Korea	12-Mar-24		12-Mar-24	12-Mar-24	12-Mar-24	12-Mar-24	12-Mar-24
60.	Romania			22-Mar-24	22-Mar-24		22-Mar-24	22-Mar-24
61.	Russian Federation		19-Mar-24	19-Mar-24	19-Mar-24	19-Mar-24	19-Mar-24	19-Mar-24
62.	Saudi Arabia					20-Mar-24	20-Mar-24	20-Mar-24
63.	Slovakia	06-Mar-24		19-Feb-24		19-Feb-24	19-Feb-24	19-Feb-24
64.	Slovenia			28-Mar-24	28-Mar-24		28-Mar-24	28-Mar-24
65.	South Africa	28-Mar-24			28-Mar-24	28-Mar-24	28-Mar-24	28-Mar-24
66.	Spain	15-Mar-24	15-Mar-24	15-Mar-24	15-Mar-24	15-Mar-24	15-Mar-24	15-Mar-24
67.	Sweden	22-Mar-24	22-Mar-24	22-Mar-24	22-Mar-24	22-Mar-24	22-Mar-24	22-Mar-24
68.	Switzerland	20-Mar-24	20-Mar-24	20-Mar-24	20-Mar-24	20-Mar-24	20-Mar-24	20-Mar-24
69.	Tajikistan*						19-Mar-24*	
70.	Thailand					29-Mar-24	29-Mar-24	29-Mar-24
71.	Ukraine				13-Mar-24	13-Mar-24	13-Mar-24	13-Mar-24
72.	United Arab Emirates						29-Mar-24	29-Mar-24
73.	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	19-Mar-24	19-Mar-24	19-Mar-24	19-Mar-24	19-Mar-24	19-Mar-24	19-Mar-24
74.	United States of America	11-Mar-24	29-Mar-24	29-Mar-24	29-Mar-24	29-Mar-24	29-Mar-24	29-Mar-24
75.	Uruguay						29-Mar-24	29-Mar-24
76.	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)				29-Mar-24		29-Mar-24	29-Mar-24

Annex 2

ADDITIONAL SUBMISSIONS OF ANNUAL DECLARATIONS ON PAST ACTIVITIES FOR 2023 (AS AT 31 MAY 2024)⁶

In the table below an asterisk (*) denotes the submission of a nil declaration.

	State Party	Schedule 1 Facilities	Schedule 1 Transfers	Schedule 2 Plant Sites	Schedule 2 AND	Schedule 3 Plant Sites	Schedule 3 AND	OCPF Update
1.	Albania*	03-Apr-24*		03-Apr-24*	03-Apr-24*	03-Apr-24*	03-Apr-24*	03-Apr-24*
2.	Azerbaijan						31-May-24	
3.	Bahamas*	03-Apr-24*		03-Apr-24*		03-Apr-24*		03-Apr-24*
4.	Denmark			15-Apr-24	15-Apr-24		15-Apr-24	15-Apr-24
5.	Dominican Republic						09-Apr-24	
6.	Greece						03-Apr-24	03-Apr-24
7.	Ireland			01-May-24	01-May-24		01-May-24	01-May-24
8.	Kazakhstan					02-Apr-24	02-Apr-24	02-Apr-24
9.	Lebanon*	02-Apr-24*		02-Apr-24*	02-Apr-24*	02-Apr-24*	02-Apr-24*	02-Apr-24*
10.	Lithuania		05-Apr-24*		05-Apr-24			05-Apr-24
11.	Maldives*			31-Mar-24*	31-Mar-24*	31-Mar-24*	31-Mar-24*	31-Mar-24*
12.	Myanmar						10-May-24	10-May-24
13.	Namibia*	08-Apr-24*		08-Apr-24*		08-Apr-24*		08-Apr-24*
14.	Nicaragua*	15-Apr-24*		15-Apr-24*		15-Apr-24*		15-Apr-24*
15.	Panama						10-May-24	
16.	Singapore	05-Apr-24		05-Apr-24	05-Apr-24		05-Apr-24	05-Apr-24
17.	Sri Lanka						01-Apr-24	
18.	Syrian Arab Republic						08-May-24	
19.	Tunisia				08-Apr-24		08-Apr-24	
20.	Türkiye			05-Apr-24	05-Apr-24	05-Apr-24	05-Apr-24	05-Apr-24
21.	Viet Nam				16-Apr-24		16-Apr-24	16-Apr-24

⁶ States Parties that submitted ADPA 2023 after the deadline, and up to and including 31 May 2024.