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STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE VII OF THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION AS AT 31 JULY 2024: INITIAL MEASURES

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 In operative paragraph 1 of the decision on the follow-up to the plan of action regarding the implementation of obligations under Article VII of the Chemical Weapons Convention (the Convention) (C-10/DEC.16, dated 11 November 2005), the Conference of the States Parties (the Conference) stressed that it was imperative for States Parties that had yet to fulfil their obligations under Article VII to do so without delay.
- 1.2 The Third Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention (the Third Review Conference) “[e]ncouraged the Secretariat to explore innovative methods of providing assistance on tailor-made approaches as a potential means to further advance the implementation of Article VII” (subparagraph 9.103(c) of RC-3/3*, dated 19 April 2013). Furthermore, the Technical Secretariat (the Secretariat) was requested to “continue to submit its annual report on the implementation of Article VII to the Conference, and ... to include an assessment in this report, for consideration by the policy-making organs, containing a comprehensive and objective analysis of the current status of national implementation, with a view to tracking the progress made and formulation of focused assistance programmes” (subparagraph 9.103(h) of RC-3/3*).
- 1.3 Pursuant to the request received from the Third Review Conference, and in close cooperation with States Parties, the Secretariat has updated the two matrices included in the annual reports and, as invited by the Conference (paragraph 8 of C-14/DEC.12, dated 4 December 2009) is presenting them in two concurrent reports—this one addressing the initial measures taken by States Parties in accordance with Article VII and the second listing additional measures (EC-107/DG.11 C-29/DG.10, dated 26 August 2024).

2. LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLEMENTATION

- 2.1 This document provides an update on the status of and progress in adopting the initial measures that are necessary for all States Parties to implement in order to achieve the objectives set forth in the Convention.
- 2.2 The information is based on the responses received from States Parties to the note verbale sent by the Secretariat on 25 March 2024 requesting them to provide updates on the status of implementation of Article VII and to fill in the matrices attached to the note verbale. As at the cut-off date of the current report (31 July 2024), 140 States Parties had replied to the note verbale (see Table 1 below).



TABLE 1: STATES PARTIES THAT SUBMITTED RESPONSES TO THE SECRETARIAT

1.	Afghanistan	36.	El Salvador	71.	Malaysia	106.	Saudi Arabia
2.	Algeria	37.	Estonia	72.	Maldives	107.	Serbia
3.	Andorra	38.	Ethiopia	73.	Marshall Islands	108.	Seychelles
4.	Angola	39.	Finland	74.	Mauritania	109.	Sierra Leone
5.	Argentina	40.	France	75.	Mauritius	110.	Singapore
6.	Armenia	41.	Gambia	76.	Mexico	111.	Slovakia
7.	Australia	42.	Georgia	77.	Monaco	112.	Slovenia
8.	Austria	43.	Germany	78.	Mongolia	113.	Solomon Islands
9.	Bahamas	44.	Greece	79.	Montenegro	114.	South Africa
10.	Bangladesh	45.	Guatemala	80.	Morocco	115.	Spain
11.	Belarus	46.	Guinea-Bissau	81.	Myanmar	116.	Sri Lanka
12.	Belgium	47.	Holy See	82.	Namibia	117.	State of Palestine
13.	Bhutan	48.	Hungary	83.	Netherlands	118.	Sudan
14.	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	49.	Iceland	84.	New Zealand	119.	Suriname
15.	Bosnia and Herzegovina	50.	India	85.	Nicaragua	120.	Sweden
16.	Botswana	51.	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	86.	Nigeria	121.	Switzerland
17.	Brazil	52.	Iraq	87.	Norway	122.	Tajikistan
18.	Bulgaria	53.	Ireland	88.	Oman	123.	Thailand
19.	Burkina Faso	54.	Italy	89.	Pakistan	124.	Timor-Leste
20.	Burundi	55.	Jamaica	90.	Panama	125.	Togo
21.	Canada	56.	Japan	91.	Paraguay	126.	Trinidad and Tobago
22.	Chile	57.	Jordan	92.	Peru	127.	Tunisia
23.	China	58.	Kazakhstan	93.	Philippines	128.	Türkiye
24.	Colombia	59.	Kenya	94.	Poland	129.	Tuvalu
25.	Costa Rica	60.	Kuwait	95.	Portugal	130.	Uganda
26.	Côte d'Ivoire	61.	Kyrgyzstan	96.	Qatar	131.	Ukraine
27.	Croatia	62.	Lao People's Democratic Republic	97.	Republic of Korea	132.	United Arab Emirates
28.	Cuba	63.	Latvia	98.	Romania	133.	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
29.	Cyprus	64.	Lebanon	99.	Russian Federation	134.	United States of America
30.	Czech Republic	65.	Libya	100.	Rwanda	135.	Uruguay
31.	Democratic Republic of the Congo	66.	Liechtenstein	101.	Saint Kitts and Nevis	136.	Uzbekistan
32.	Denmark	67.	Lithuania	102.	Saint Lucia	137.	Vanuatu
33.	Djibouti	68.	Luxembourg	103.	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	138.	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
34.	Dominican Republic	69.	Madagascar	104.	San Marino	139.	Viet Nam
35.	Ecuador	70.	Malawi	105.	Sao Tome and Principe	140.	Zimbabwe

- 2.3 The global status of the relevant elements of legislative and administrative implementation, as at 31 July 2024, is reflected in the tables below.

TABLE 2: OVERVIEW OF THE LEGISLATIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION

Article VII(5) submission received ¹	183 (95%)
Legislation covers all initial measures	128 (66%)
Legislation covers some initial measures	36 (19%)
No legislation	29 (15%)
Legislation covers one or more additional measures	125
Text of adopted measures provided	157 (81%)

TABLE 3: STATUS OF ELEMENTS OF LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLEMENTATION UNDER THE PURVIEW OF THE PRESENT REPORT (AS AT 31 JULY 2024)

Indicators		Number and Percentage of States Parties Having Implemented the Measure
Definitions		
Chemical Weapons		147 (76%) in full 5 (3%) in part
Toxic Chemical		141 (73%) in full 9 (5%) in part
Precursor		140 (73%) in full 7 (4%) in part
Purposes Not Prohibited		137 (71%) in full 6 (3%) in part
Scheduled Chemicals Regime		
Reporting on Transfers	Schedule 1	135 (70%) in full 7 (4%) in part
	Schedule 2	132 (68%) in full 9 (5%) in part
	Schedule 3	133 (69%) in full 9 (5%) in part
Prohibitions and Penalties		
Prohibitions	Chemical Weapons	153 (79%) in full 5 (3%) in part
	Scheduled Chemicals	138 (72%) in full 12 (6%) in part
Penalties	Chemical Weapons	149 (77%) in full 8 (4%) in part
	Scheduled Chemicals	137 (71%) in full 13 (7%) in part

¹

Refers to the number of submissions received since adoption in 2009 of C-14/DEC.12 “On National Implementation Measures of Article VII Obligations” by the Conference at its Fourteenth Session, in which the Conference invited the Secretariat to provide annual reports on the status of implementation of Article VII of the Convention.

Indicators	Number and Percentage of States Parties Having Implemented the Measure
Other Initial Measures	
Extraterritoriality	131 (68%) in full 7 (4%) in part
Legal basis for regulations	140 (73%) in full 10 (5%) in part
Establishment/Designation of National Authority	192 (99%)

TABLE 4: EXPLANATION OF COLUMN HEADINGS IN THE TABLES CONTAINED IN THE ANNEX TO THIS REPORT

Column Heading	Explanation
Definitions	
Chemical Weapons	“X” indicates that the legislation of the State Party in question contains a definition of chemical weapons that fully reflects the meaning of <i>chemical weapons</i> as defined by paragraph 1 of Article II of the Convention.
Toxic Chemical	“X” indicates that the legislation of the State Party in question contains a definition of toxic chemical that fully reflects the meaning of <i>toxic chemical</i> as defined by paragraph 2 of Article II of the Convention.
Precursor	“X” indicates that the legislation of the State Party in question contains a definition of precursor that fully reflects the meaning of <i>precursor</i> as defined by paragraph 3 of Article II of the Convention.
Purposes Not Prohibited	“X” indicates that the legislation of the State Party in question contains a definition of purposes not prohibited that fully reflects the meaning of <i>purposes not prohibited</i> under the Convention as defined by paragraph 9 of Article II of the Convention.
Scheduled Chemicals Regime	
Reporting on Transfers	Schedule 1 “X” indicates that the national legislation ensures that the State Party is in a position to fulfil the prior reporting requirements concerning transfers of Schedule 1 chemicals (see paragraphs 5 and 5bis of Part VI of the Verification Annex to the Convention (the Verification Annex)) and to provide all information that is to be included in the declaration required by paragraph 6 of Part VI of the Verification Annex and that a sanction is applicable in the event of non-compliance with that legislation by natural and legal persons.
	Schedule 2 “X” indicates that the national legislation ensures that the State Party is in a position to provide all transfer-related information that is to be included in annual declarations required by paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part VII of the Verification Annex and that a sanction is applicable in the event of non-compliance with that legislation by natural and legal persons.

Column Heading		Explanation	
	Schedule 3	“X” indicates that the national legislation ensures that the State Party is in a position to provide all transfer-related information that is to be included in declarations pursuant to paragraph 1 of Part VIII of the Verification Annex and that a sanction is applicable in the event of non-compliance with that legislation by natural and legal persons.	
Prohibitions and Penalties			
		Chemical Weapons	Scheduled Chemicals
Prohibition		“X” indicates that the activities prohibited to States Parties under paragraph 1 of Article I of the Convention are prohibited by that State Party to natural and legal persons in accordance with subparagraph 1(a) of Article VII.	“X” indicates that the activities prohibited to States Parties under: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) paragraphs 1 to 4 of Part VI of the Verification Annex (Schedule 1- related); (b) paragraph 31 of Part VII of the Verification Annex (Schedule 2-related);² and (c) paragraph 26 of Part VIII of the Verification Annex (i.e., the export of Schedule 3 chemicals to States not Party without appropriate assurance that they will only be used for purposes not prohibited under the Convention);³ are all prohibited by that State Party to natural and legal persons in accordance with subparagraph 1(a) of Article VII.
Penalties		“X” indicates that penal sanctions are applicable in the event of violation of the above prohibitions.	“X” indicates that penal sanctions are applicable in the event of violation of the above prohibitions.
Other Initial Measures			
Extraterritoriality		“X” indicates that the State Party has extended its penal legislation enacted in accordance with subparagraph 1(a) of Article VII to any activity undertaken anywhere by natural persons possessing its nationality.	
Legal Basis for Regulations		“X” indicates that legislation of the State Party contains provisions that enable the relevant ministries/governmental departments to issue measures deemed necessary to give full effect to the legislation, such as regulating the production, processing, and consumption of scheduled chemicals, the verification regimes, and the confidentiality regimes.	

2 For exceptions, see C-V/DEC.16 (dated 17 May 2000).

3 For exceptions, see C-VI/DEC.10 (dated 17 May 2001).

Column Heading	Explanation
Establishment/Designation of National Authority	“X” indicates that a National Authority has been designated or established. <i>It should be noted that some National Authorities have been designated on a purely interim basis.</i>

Note: “(X)”, that is, X in brackets, for any of the above indicators means that the measure has been partially implemented.

Annex (English only):

Status of Implementation of Article VII – Initial Measures, by State Party, as at 31 July 2024

	State Party	Definitions				Scheduled Chemicals Regime			Prohibitions and Penalties				Other Initial Measures		
		Chemical Weapons	Toxic Chemical	Precursor	Purposes Not Prohibited	Schedule 1	Schedule 2	Schedule 3	Chemical Weapons	Scheduled Chemicals	Prohibitions	Chemical Weapons	Scheduled Chemicals	Extraterritoriality	Legal Basis for Regulations
144.	Rwanda	X							X	(X)					X
145.	Saint Kitts and Nevis	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
146.	Saint Lucia	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
147.	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
148.	Samoa	X	X	X	X				X	(X)	X	X	X	(X)	X
149.	San Marino								X						X
150.	Sao Tome and Principe														X
151.	Saudi Arabia	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
152.	Senegal	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
153.	Serbia	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
154.	Seychelles														X
155.	Sierra Leone														X
156.	Singapore	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
157.	Slovakia	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
158.	Slovenia	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
159.	Solomon Islands														X
160.	Somalia														
161.	South Africa	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
162.	Spain	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
163.	Sri Lanka	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
164.	State of Palestine	X	X	X	X				X				X	(X)	X

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		Chemical Weapons	Toxic Chemical	Precursor	Purposes Not Prohibited	Schedule 1	Schedule 2	Schedule 3	Chemical Weapons	Scheduled Chemicals	Chemical Weapons	Scheduled Chemicals	Extraterritoriality	Legal Basis for Regulations	Establishment/Designation of National Authority
184.	United Republic of Tanzania	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
185.	United States of America	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
186.	Uruguay	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
187.	Uzbekistan	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
188.	Vanuatu	X	X	X	X	(X)	X	X	(X)	X	X	X	X	(X)	X
189.	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	X	(X)	(X)	X	(X)	(X)	(X)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
190.	Viet Nam	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
191.	Yemen	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
192.	Zambia	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
193.	Zimbabwe	X				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X