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Progress with universalization of the Convention

Report on universalization activities¹

Submitted by the Chairperson

Summary

The Seventh Review Conference decided to request the Chairperson of the Meeting of States Parties to prepare an annual report on universalization activities ([BWC/CONF.VII/7](#), Part III, paragraph 29), and the Eighth and Ninth Review Conferences decided to continue this practice ([BWC/CONF.VIII/4](#), Part III, paragraph 8 and [BWC/CONF.IX/9](#), Part II, paragraph 22). The Chairperson of the 2023 Meeting of States Parties has therefore compiled this document which outlines the results to date of the activities to promote universalization of the Biological Weapons Convention undertaken by the Chairperson, the Implementation Support Unit (ISU) and the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) in 2023. It also includes information from States Parties and different organizations, where that information has been provided to the Chairperson or the ISU. The Convention currently has 185 States Parties (listed in the Annex), with four signatories and eight States having neither signed nor ratified. A total of 12 States are therefore not party to the Convention.

¹ The designations employed and the presentation of material in this report, including the numbers cited, do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the Chairperson concerning the legal status of any country or territory or of its authorities, or concerning the delimitation of its frontiers.



I. Introduction

1. During the reporting period, one State, South Sudan, has joined the Biological Weapons Convention (BWC). The Convention therefore currently has 185 States Parties, with four States having signed but not ratified the Convention and eight States having neither signed nor ratified the Convention. This report outlines information available about these 12 States.

II. Activities to promote universalization

2. The following universalization activities have been undertaken and reported to the Chairperson or the Implementation Support Unit (ISU) during 2023:

(a) The Chairperson of the 2023 Meeting of States Parties, Ambassador Cristian Espinosa of Ecuador, is planning to write to all Signatory States, as well as States not party to the BWC, to better understand their circumstances and encourage them to consider joining the Convention. The Chairperson is also planning to hold a series of bilateral meetings with representatives of Signatory States and States not party to the Convention based in Geneva, Switzerland, during October and November 2023;

(b) The United States of America informed the Implementation Support Unit that it has engaged with Kiribati, the Federated States of Micronesia and Tuvalu to encourage them to accede to the Convention;

(c) The ISU remained in close and regular contact with the African Union (AU), the European Union (EU), the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA), the Committee established pursuant to United Nations Security Council resolution 1540 (2004), the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) UNSCR 1540 Support Unit, including its Regional Coordinators for Africa and Asia, the Verification Research, Training and Information Centre (VERTIC), as well as UNODA's Regional Centres for Africa (UNREC), Latin America and the Caribbean (UNLIREC) and Asia and the Pacific (UNRCPD) to coordinate mutual universalization efforts;

(d) From 14 to 16 June 2023, the ISU participated in the third meeting of the Working Committee of the Conference on the Establishment of a Middle East Zone Free of Nuclear Weapons and Other Weapons of Mass Destruction. Two Signatory States (Egypt and the Syrian Arab Republic) also participated in the meeting and;

(e) UNODA, in close collaboration with the ISU, organized three sub-regional workshops to promote the universalization and effective implementation of the BWC in Africa. The first workshop, held in Douala, Cameroon, from 24 to 26 May 2023 gathered representatives from six States Parties and one State not party (Chad) from the Central African region. The second workshop, held in Rabat, Morocco, from 13 to 15 June 2023, gathered representatives from four States Parties from the Northern African region and one State not party (Comoros). The third workshop, held in Lomé, Togo, from 11 to 13 October 2023, gathered representatives from 14 States Parties from the Western African region.

III. Overview of current status

3. Activities conducted throughout 2023 have generated additional information on progress towards universalization. This report includes data from the activities listed above, as well as from communications from States Parties, Signatory States and States not party, and from interested organizations and entities.

4. The two tables below show Signatory States and States not party by geographical region and by progress towards ratification or accession respectively.

Table 1

<i>Geographical region</i>	<i>States not party and Signatories* to the Convention</i>	<i>Total</i>
Africa	Chad, Comoros, Djibouti, Egypt*, Eritrea, Somalia*	6
Asia and Pacific	Kiribati, Micronesia (Federated States of), Tuvalu	3
Latin America and Caribbean	Haiti*	1
Middle East	Israel, Syrian Arab Republic*	2

Table 2

<i>Situation</i>	<i>States not party and Signatories* to the Convention</i>	<i>Total</i>
Accession or ratification process well advanced	Comoros	1
Accession or ratification process started	Kiribati, Micronesia (Federated States of), Tuvalu	3
Waiting for further information, assistance, or have other priorities, etc.	Chad, Djibouti, Eritrea, Haiti, Somalia*	5
No action expected in near future	Egypt*, Israel, Syrian Arab Republic*	3

IV. Signatories

Egypt

5. Egypt attended the first and second sessions of the Working Group on the Strengthening of the Convention from 15 to 16 March 2023 and from 7 to 18 August 2023 respectively.

Haiti

6. No further information has been reported during 2023.

Somalia

7. No further information has been reported during 2023.

Syrian Arab Republic

8. The Syrian Arab Republic attended the first and second sessions of the Working Group on the Strengthening of the Convention from 15 to 16 March 2023 and from 7 to 18 August 2023 respectively.

V. States neither signed nor ratified

Chad

9. Representatives from Chad participated in the Regional Workshop to Support the Universalization and Effective Implementation of the Biological Weapons Convention in Central Africa, which was held in Douala, Cameroon, from 24 to 26 May 2023. On the margins of the workshop, discussions were held between UNODA and representatives from Chad regarding the organization of a national workshop to raise awareness about the BWC among senior policy makers and parliamentarians. Following subsequent discussions, the workshop is scheduled to take place from 6 to 7 February 2024 to promote the importance of Chad acceding to the BWC.

Comoros

10. From 15 to 16 March 2023, the ISU and UNODA hosted a visit by a high-level parliamentary delegation from Comoros. During the two-day visit, the delegation met with ambassadors and Permanent Representatives of BWC States Parties, including depository governments, with a view to understanding the importance of the BWC and accession to it. The delegation also met with Ms. Tatiana Valovaya, Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva, to discuss the contribution of the BWC to international peace and security and the importance of its universalization. Comoros attended the first session of the Working Group on the Strengthening of the Convention in Geneva from 15 to 16 March 2023.

11. Representatives from Comoros participated in the Regional Workshop to Support the Universalization and Effective Implementation of the Biological Weapons Convention in Northern Africa, which was held in Rabat, Morocco, from 13 to 15 June 2023.

12. The ISU and UNODA continue to be in regular contact with Comoros regarding its accession to the BWC. On 11 October 2023, representatives of the ISU and UNODA met in Geneva with visiting senior officials from Comoros to discuss progress with accession by Comoros. Representatives from Comoros have indicated that accession to the Convention will be considered by the Parliament during the current parliamentary session. The United States of America informed the Implementation Support Unit that it has also engaged with the authorities in Comoros about accession to the Convention.

Djibouti

13. Djibouti attended the second session of the Working Group on the Strengthening of the Convention from 7 to 18 August 2023.

Eritrea

14. No further information has been reported during 2023.

Israel

15. Israel attended the first and second sessions of the Working Group on the Strengthening of the Convention from 15 to 16 March 2023 and from 7 to 18 August 2023 respectively.

Kiribati

16. In October 2023, the United States of America engaged with Kiribati to encourage its accession to the Convention. During the same month, UNODA is planning to reach out to

the Permanent Mission of Kiribati to the United Nations in New York to discuss accession to the Convention.

Micronesia (Federated States of)

17. In October 2023, the United States of America engaged with the Federated States of Micronesia to encourage its accession to the Convention. During the same month, UNODA is planning to reach out to the Permanent Mission of the Federated States of Micronesia to the United Nations in New York to discuss accession to the Convention.

South Sudan

18. South Sudan acceded to the Convention on 15 February 2023, becoming the 185th State Party to the Convention.

Tuvalu

19. In October 2023, the United States of America engaged with Tuvalu to encourage its accession to the Convention. During the same month, UNODA is planning to reach out to the Permanent Mission of Tuvalu to the United Nations in New York to discuss accession to the Convention.

Annex I

List of States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction as of 11 October 2023¹

Adopted at: London, Moscow and Washington, D.C.

Date of adoption: 10 April 1972

Depositaries: Government of the Russian Federation, Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Government of the United States of America

Signed at: London, Moscow and Washington, D.C.

Opened for signature: 10 April 1972

Entered into force: 26 March 1975

Signatories: 109

Parties: 185

	<i>State</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Deposit</i>	<i>Deposit type</i>
1	Afghanistan	10 April 1972 Russian Federation 10 April 1972 United Kingdom 10 April 1972 United States	26 March 1975 United Kingdom	Ratification
2	Albania		3 June 1992 United States 11 August 1992 United Kingdom 26 March 1993 Russian Federation	Accession Accession Accession
3	Algeria		28 September 2001 United States	Accession
4	Andorra		2 March 2015 United States	Accession
5	Angola		26 July 2016 United States	Accession
6	Antigua and Barbuda		29 January 2003 United Kingdom	Accession
7	Argentina	7 August 1972 United States 1 August 1972 Russian Federation 3 August 1972 United Kingdom	27 November 1979 United States 5 December 1979 United Kingdom 27 December 1979 Russian Federation	Ratification Ratification Ratification
8	Armenia		7 June 1994 Russian Federation 7 June 1994 United States	Accession Accession
9	Australia	10 April 1972 Russian Federation 10 April 1972 United States 10 April 1972 United Kingdom	5 October 1977 United Kingdom 5 October 1977 Russian Federation 5 October 1977 United States	Ratification Ratification Ratification
10	Austria	10 April 1972 Russian Federation 10 April 1972 United States	10 August 1973 United Kingdom 10 August 1973 United States	Ratification Ratification

¹ The data in this table are based on information provided to the United Nations by the Depositary States of the Convention. Further information (including reservations etc.) can be found in the UNODA Treaty Database at <https://treaties.unoda.org/t/bwc> or from the Depositary States themselves.

<i>State</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Deposit</i>	<i>Deposit type</i>
	10 April 1972 United Kingdom	10 August 1973 Russian Federation	Ratification
11 Azerbaijan		26 February 2004 Russian Federation	Accession
		26 February 2004 United States	Accession
12 Bahamas		26 November 1986 United Kingdom	Accession
13 Bahrain		28 October 1988 United Kingdom	Accession
14 Bangladesh		11 March 1985 Russian Federation	Accession
		12 March 1985 United States	Accession
		13 March 1985 United Kingdom	Accession
15 Barbados	16 February 1973 United States	16 February 1973 United States	Ratification
16 Belarus	10 April 1972 Russian Federation	26 March 1975 Russian Federation	Ratification
17 Belgium	10 April 1972 United States	15 March 1979 United States	Ratification
	10 April 1972 Russian Federation	15 March 1979 United Kingdom	Ratification
	10 April 1972 United Kingdom	15 March 1979 Russian Federation	Ratification
18 Belize		13 January 1987 Russian Federation	Accession
		20 October 1986 United Kingdom	Succession
		25 November 1986 United States	Accession
19 Benin	10 April 1972 United States	25 April 1975 United States	Ratification
20 Bhutan		8 June 1978 United States	Accession
21 Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	10 April 1972 United States	30 October 1975 United States	Ratification
22 Bosnia and Herzegovina		15 August 1994 United States	Succession
23 Botswana	10 April 1972 United States	5 February 1992 United States	Ratification
24 Brazil	10 April 1972 Russian Federation	27 February 1973 Russian Federation	Ratification
	10 April 1972 United States	27 February 1973 United Kingdom	Ratification
	10 April 1972 United Kingdom	27 February 1973 United States	Ratification
25 Brunei Darussalam		31 January 1991 United Kingdom	Accession
26 Bulgaria	10 April 1972 United States	13 September 1972 United States	Ratification
	10 April 1972 Russian Federation	19 September 1972 Russian Federation	Ratification
	10 April 1972 United Kingdom	2 August 1972 United Kingdom	Ratification
27 Burkina Faso		17 April 1991 United States	Accession
28 Burundi	10 April 1972 Russian Federation	18 October 2011 United Kingdom	Ratification
	10 April 1972 United States		
29 Cabo Verde		20 October 1977 Russian Federation	Accession

	<i>State</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Deposit</i>	<i>Deposit type</i>
30	Cambodia	10 April 1972 United States	9 March 1983 United States	Ratification
31	Cameroon		18 January 2013 United States	Accession
32	Canada	10 April 1972 Russian Federation	18 September 1972 Russian Federation	Ratification
		10 April 1972 United Kingdom	18 September 1972 United Kingdom	Ratification
		10 April 1972 United States	18 September 1972 United States	Ratification
33	Central African Republic	10 April 1972 United States	25 September 2018 United States	Ratification
34	Chile	10 April 1972 United Kingdom	22 April 1980 United Kingdom	Ratification
		10 April 1972 Russian Federation		
		10 April 1972 United States		
35	China		15 November 1984 Russian Federation	Accession
			15 November 1984 United Kingdom	Accession
			15 November 1984 United States	Accession
36	Colombia	10 April 1972 United States	19 December 1983 United States	Ratification
37	Congo		23 October 1978 United States	Accession
38	Cook Islands		4 December 2008 United Kingdom	Accession
39	Costa Rica	10 April 1972 United States	17 December 1973 United States	Ratification
40	Côte d'Ivoire	23 May 1972 United States	23 March 2016 Russian Federation	Ratification
			26 April 2016 United Kingdom	Ratification
41	Croatia		28 April 1993 United States	Succession
42	Cuba	12 April 1972 Russian Federation	21 April 1976 Russian Federation	Ratification
43	Cyprus	10 April 1972 United Kingdom	6 November 1973 United Kingdom	Ratification
		10 April 1972 United States	13 November 1973 United States	Ratification
		14 April 1972 Russian Federation	21 November 1973 Russian Federation	Ratification
44	Czechia		5 April 1993 United Kingdom	Succession
			9 April 1993 Russian Federation	Succession
			29 September 1993 United States	Succession
45	Democratic People's Republic of Korea		13 March 1987 Russian Federation	Accession
46	Democratic Republic of the Congo	10 April 1972 Russian Federation	16 September 1975 United Kingdom	Ratification
		10 April 1972 United States	28 January 1977 United States	Ratification
47	Denmark	10 April 1972 Russian Federation	1 March 1973 United Kingdom	Ratification
		10 April 1972 United Kingdom	1 March 1973 United States	Ratification
		10 April 1972 United States	1 March 1973 Russian Federation	Ratification

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48	Dominica	1 August 2016 United Kingdom	Succession	
49	Dominican Republic	10 April 1972 United States	23 February 1973 United States	Ratification
50	Ecuador	14 June 1972 United States	12 March 1975 United States	Ratification
51	El Salvador	10 April 1972 United States	31 December 1991 United States	Ratification
52	Equatorial Guinea		16 January 1989 Russian Federation	Accession
			29 July 1992 United States	Accession
53	Estonia		21 June 1993 United States	Accession
			1 July 1993 Russian Federation	Accession
54	Eswatini		18 June 1991 United Kingdom	Accession
55	Ethiopia	10 April 1972 Russian Federation	26 May 1975 Russian Federation	Ratification
		10 April 1972 United Kingdom	26 May 1975 United Kingdom	Ratification
		10 April 1972 United States	26 June 1975 United States	Ratification
56	Fiji	22 February 1973 United Kingdom	4 September 1973 United States	Ratification
			1 October 1973 United Kingdom	Ratification
			5 October 1973 Russian Federation	Ratification
57	Finland	10 April 1972 Russian Federation	4 February 1974 Russian Federation	Ratification
		10 April 1972 United Kingdom	4 February 1974 United Kingdom	Ratification
		10 April 1972 United States	4 February 1974 United States	Ratification
58	France		27 September 1984 Russian Federation	Accession
			27 September 1984 United Kingdom	Accession
			27 September 1984 United States	Accession
59	Gabon	10 April 1972 United Kingdom	16 August 2007 United States	Ratification
60	Gambia	2 June 1972 Russian Federation	7 May 1997 United Kingdom	Ratification
		8 August 1972 United Kingdom	10 June 1997 Russian Federation	Ratification
		9 November 1972 United States	1 August 1997 United States	Ratification
61	Georgia		22 May 1996 Russian Federation	Accession
			22 May 1996 United Kingdom	Accession
62	Germany	10 April 1972 Russian Federation	7 April 1983 United Kingdom	Ratification
		10 April 1972 United Kingdom	7 April 1983 United States	Ratification
		10 April 1972 United States		
63	Ghana	10 April 1972 Russian Federation	6 June 1975 United Kingdom	Ratification
		10 April 1972 United States		
64	Greece	10 April 1972 United Kingdom	10 December 1975 United States	Ratification
		12 April 1972 United States		
		14 April 1972 Russian Federation		

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65	Grenada	22 October 1986 United Kingdom	Accession	
66	Guatemala	9 May 1972 United States	19 September 1973 United States	Ratification
67	Guinea	9 November 2016 United Kingdom	Accession	
68	Guinea-Bissau	20 August 1976 Russian Federation	Accession	
69	Guyana	3 January 1973 United States	26 March 2013 United States	Ratification
70	Holy See		7 January 2002 United States	Accession
71	Honduras	10 April 1972 United States	14 March 1979 United States	Ratification
72	Hungary	10 April 1972 Russian Federation	27 December 1972 Russian Federation	Ratification
		10 April 1972 United Kingdom	27 December 1972 United Kingdom	Ratification
		10 April 1972 United States	27 December 1972 United States	Ratification
73	Iceland	10 April 1972 Russian Federation	15 February 1973 United States	Ratification
		10 April 1972 United Kingdom	15 February 1973 Russian Federation	Ratification
		10 April 1972 United States	15 February 1973 United Kingdom	Ratification
74	India	15 January 1973 Russian Federation	15 July 1974 Russian Federation	Ratification
		15 January 1973 United Kingdom	15 July 1974 United Kingdom	Ratification
		15 January 1973 United States	15 July 1974 United States	Ratification
75	Indonesia	20 June 1972 United States	4 February 1992 Russian Federation	Ratification
		20 June 1972 Russian Federation	19 February 1992 United Kingdom	Ratification
		21 June 1972 United Kingdom	1 April 1992 United States	Ratification
76	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	10 April 1972 Russian Federation	22 August 1973 United States	Ratification
		10 April 1972 United States	22 August 1973 United Kingdom	Ratification
		16 November 1972 United Kingdom	27 August 1973 Russian Federation	Ratification
77	Iraq	11 May 1972 Russian Federation	19 June 1991 Russian Federation	Ratification
78	Ireland	10 April 1972 United States	27 October 1972 United Kingdom	Ratification
		10 April 1972 United Kingdom	27 October 1972 United States	Ratification
79	Italy	10 April 1972 Russian Federation	30 May 1975 Russian Federation	Ratification
		10 April 1972 United Kingdom	30 May 1975 United States	Ratification
		10 April 1972 United States	30 May 1975 United Kingdom	Ratification
80	Jamaica		13 August 1975 United Kingdom	Accession
81	Japan	10 April 1972 Russian Federation	8 June 1982 United States	Ratification
		10 April 1972 United Kingdom	18 June 1982 Russian Federation	Ratification
		10 April 1972 United States	18 June 1982 United Kingdom	Ratification
82	Jordan	10 April 1972 United States	30 May 1975 Russian Federation	Ratification
		17 April 1972 United Kingdom	2 June 1975 United States	Ratification
		24 April 1972 Russian Federation	27 June 1975 United Kingdom	Ratification
83	Kazakhstan		15 June 2007 Russian Federation	Accession

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84 Kenya		7 January 1976 United Kingdom	Accession
85 Kuwait	14 April 1972 Russian Federation	18 July 1972 United States	Ratification
	14 April 1972 United States	26 July 1972 United Kingdom	Ratification
	27 April 1972 United Kingdom	1 August 1972 Russian Federation	Ratification
86 Kyrgyzstan		15 October 2004 Russian Federation	Accession
87 Lao, People's Democratic Republic	10 April 1972 United Kingdom	22 March 1973 United States	Ratification
	10 April 1972 United States	25 April 1973 United Kingdom	Ratification
	10 April 1972 Russian Federation	20 March 1973 Russian Federation	Ratification
88 Latvia		6 February 1997 United Kingdom	Accession
89 Lebanon	10 April 1972 United Kingdom	26 March 1975 United Kingdom	Ratification
	10 April 1972 United States	2 April 1975 Russian Federation	Ratification
	21 April 1972 Russian Federation	13 June 1975 United States	Ratification
90 Lesotho	10 April 1972 United States	6 September 1977 United Kingdom	Ratification
91 Liberia	10 April 1972 United States	4 November 2016 United States	Ratification
	14 April 1972 United Kingdom		
92 Libya	10 April 1972 Russian Federation	19 January 1982 Russian Federation	Ratification
93 Liechtenstein		30 May 1991 United States	Accession
		31 May 1991 Russian Federation	Accession
		6 June 1991 United Kingdom	Accession
94 Lithuania		10 February 1998 United Kingdom	Accession
95 Luxembourg	10 April 1972 Russian Federation	23 March 1976 United States	Ratification
	10 April 1972 United Kingdom	23 March 1976 Russian Federation	Ratification
	12 April 1972 United States	23 March 1976 United Kingdom	Ratification
96 Madagascar	13 October 1972 United Kingdom	7 March 2008 Russian Federation	Ratification
		7 March 2008 United States	Ratification
97 Malawi	10 April 1972 United States	2 April 2013 United States	Ratification
98 Malaysia	10 April 1972 Russian Federation	6 September 1991 Russian Federation	Ratification
	10 April 1972 United Kingdom	6 September 1991 United Kingdom	Ratification
	10 April 1972 United States	26 September 1991 United States	Ratification
99 Maldives		2 August 1993 Russian Federation	Accession
100 Mali	10 April 1972 United States	25 November 2002 United States	Ratification
101 Malta	11 September 1972 United Kingdom	7 April 1975 United Kingdom	Ratification
102 Marshall Islands		15 November 2012 United States	Accession
103 Mauritania		28 January 2015 United Kingdom	Accession
104 Mauritius	10 April 1972 United States	15 January 1973 Russian Federation	Ratification

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		7 August 1972 United States	Ratification
		11 January 1973 United Kingdom	Ratification
105 Mexico	10 April 1972 United States	8 April 1974 United Kingdom	Ratification
	10 April 1972 United Kingdom	8 April 1974 United States	Ratification
	10 April 1972 Russian Federation	8 April 1974 Russian Federation	Ratification
106 Monaco		30 April 1999 United Kingdom	Accession
107 Mongolia	10 April 1972 Russian Federation	5 September 1972 United States	Ratification
	10 April 1972 United Kingdom	14 September 1972 United Kingdom	Ratification
	10 April 1972 United States	20 October 1972 Russian Federation	Ratification
108 Montenegro		3 June 2006 Russian Federation	Succession
		12 December 2006 United Kingdom	Succession
109 Morocco	2 May 1972 United Kingdom	21 March 2002 United Kingdom	Ratification
	3 May 1972 United States		
	5 June 1972 Russian Federation		
110 Mozambique		29 March 2011 United Kingdom	Accession
111 Myanmar	10 April 1972 Russian Federation	1 December 2014 Russian Federation	Ratification
	10 April 1972 United Kingdom	1 December 2014 United Kingdom	Ratification
	10 April 1972 United States	1 December 2014 United States	Ratification
112 Namibia		25 February 2022 United Kingdom	Accession
113 Nauru		5 March 2013 United States	Accession
114 Nepal	10 April 1972 United States	4 November 2016 United Kingdom	Ratification
	10 April 1972 Russian Federation	4 November 2016 United States	Ratification
	10 April 1972 United Kingdom	11 November 2016 Russian Federation	Ratification
115 Netherlands (Kingdom of the)	10 April 1972 Russian Federation	22 June 1981 Russian Federation	Ratification
	10 April 1972 United Kingdom	22 June 1981 United Kingdom	Ratification
	10 April 1972 United States	22 June 1981 United States	Ratification
116 New Zealand	10 April 1972 Russian Federation	13 December 1972 United States	Ratification
	10 April 1972 United Kingdom	18 December 1972 United Kingdom	Ratification
	10 April 1972 United States	10 January 1973 Russian Federation	Ratification
117 Nicaragua	10 April 1972 United Kingdom	7 August 1975 United States	Ratification
	10 April 1972 United States		
118 Niger	21 April 1972 United States	23 June 1972 United States	Ratification
119 Nigeria	3 July 1972 Russian Federation	3 July 1973 United States	Ratification
	10 July 1972 United Kingdom	9 July 1973 United Kingdom	Ratification
	6 December 1972 United States	20 July 1973 Russian Federation	Ratification
120 Niue		14 June 2018 United States	Accession

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121 North Macedonia		26 December 1996 Russian Federation	Succession
		14 March 1997 United Kingdom	Succession
		23 April 1997 United States	Succession
122 Norway	10 April 1972 Russian Federation	1 August 1973 United Kingdom	Ratification
	10 April 1972 United Kingdom	1 August 1973 United States	Ratification
	10 April 1972 United States	23 August 1973 Russian Federation	Ratification
123 Oman		31 March 1992 United States	Accession
124 Pakistan	10 April 1972 Russian Federation	25 September 1974 Russian Federation	Ratification
	10 April 1972 United Kingdom	3 October 1974 United Kingdom	Ratification
	10 April 1972 United States	3 October 1974 United States	Ratification
125 Palau		20 February 2003 United States	Accession
126 Panama	2 May 1972 United States	20 March 1974 United States	Ratification
127 Papua New Guinea		27 October 1980 United Kingdom	Accession
		13 November 1980 Russian Federation	Accession
		16 March 1981 United States	Accession
128 Paraguay		9 June 1976 United States	Accession
129 Peru	10 April 1972 Russian Federation	5 June 1985 United Kingdom	Ratification
	10 April 1972 United Kingdom	5 June 1985 Russian Federation	Ratification
	10 April 1972 United States	11 June 1985 United States	Ratification
130 Philippines	10 April 1972 United Kingdom	21 May 1973 United States	Ratification
	10 April 1972 United States		
	21 June 1972 Russian Federation		
131 Poland	10 April 1972 Russian Federation	25 January 1973 Russian Federation	Ratification
	10 April 1972 United Kingdom	25 January 1973 United Kingdom	Ratification
	10 April 1972 United States	25 January 1973 United States	Ratification
132 Portugal	29 June 1972 United States	15 May 1975 Russian Federation	Ratification
		15 May 1975 United Kingdom	Ratification
		15 May 1975 United States	Ratification
133 Qatar	14 November 1972 United Kingdom	17 April 1975 United Kingdom	Ratification
134 Republic of Korea	10 April 1972 United Kingdom	25 June 1987 United Kingdom	Ratification
	10 April 1972 United States	25 June 1987 United States	Ratification
135 Republic of Moldova		28 January 2005 United States	Accession
		28 January 2005 Russian Federation	Accession
136 Romania	10 April 1972 Russian Federation	25 July 1979 United States	Ratification
	10 April 1972 United Kingdom	26 July 1979 United Kingdom	Ratification
	10 April 1972 United States	27 July 1979 Russian Federation	Ratification

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137 Russian Federation	10 April 1972 Russian Federation	26 March 1975 Russian Federation	Ratification
	10 April 1972 United Kingdom	26 March 1975 United Kingdom	Ratification
	10 April 1972 United States	26 March 1975 United States	Ratification
138 Rwanda	10 April 1972 Russian Federation	20 May 1975 Russian Federation	Ratification
	10 April 1972 United States	20 May 1975 United Kingdom	Ratification
		20 May 1975 United States	Ratification
139 Saint Kitts and Nevis		2 April 1991 United Kingdom	Accession
140 Saint Lucia		26 November 1986 United Kingdom	Succession
141 Saint Vincent and the Grenadines		13 May 1999 United Kingdom	Succession
142 Samoa		21 September 2017 United States	Accession
143 San Marino	12 September 1972 United States	11 March 1975 United Kingdom	Ratification
	30 January 1973 Russian Federation	17 March 1975 United States	Ratification
	21 March 1973 United Kingdom	27 March 1975 Russian Federation	Ratification
144 Sao Tome and Principe		24 August 1979 Russian Federation	Accession
145 Saudi Arabia	12 April 1972 United States	24 May 1972 United States	Ratification
146 Senegal	10 April 1972 United States	26 March 1975 United States	Ratification
147 Serbia		27 April 1992 Russian Federation	Succession
		13 June 2001 United Kingdom	Succession
		5 June 2001 United States	Succession
148 Seychelles		11 October 1979 United Kingdom	Accession
		16 October 1979 United States	Accession
		24 October 1979 Russian Federation	Accession
149 Sierra Leone	7 November 1972 United States	29 June 1976 United Kingdom	Ratification
	24 November 1972 United Kingdom	29 June 1976 Russian Federation	Ratification
		29 June 1976 United States	Ratification
150 Singapore	19 June 1972 Russian Federation	2 December 1975 Russian Federation	Ratification
	19 June 1972 United Kingdom	2 December 1975 United Kingdom	Ratification
	19 June 1972 United States	2 December 1975 United States	Ratification
151 Slovakia		1 January 1993 Russian Federation	Succession
		17 May 1993 United Kingdom	Succession
		10 June 1993 United States	Succession
152 Slovenia		7 April 1992 Russian Federation	Succession
		7 April 1992 United Kingdom	Succession

<i>State</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Deposit</i>	<i>Deposit type</i>
		20 August 1992 United States	Succession
153 Solomon Islands		17 June 1981 United Kingdom	Succession
154 South Africa	10 April 1972 United States	3 November 1975 United States	Ratification
155 South Sudan		15 February 2023 United States	Accession
156 Spain	10 April 1972 United Kingdom	20 June 1979 United Kingdom	Ratification
	10 April 1972 United States	20 June 1979 United States	Ratification
157 Sri Lanka	10 April 1972 Russian Federation	18 November 1976 Russian Federation	Ratification
	10 April 1972 United Kingdom	18 November 1986 United Kingdom	Ratification
	10 April 1972 United States	18 November 1986 United States	Ratification
158 State of Palestine		9 January 2018 Russian Federation	Accession
		9 January 2018 United Kingdom	Accession
159 Sudan		17 October 2003 United Kingdom	Accession
		20 October 2003 Russian Federation	Accession
		7 November 2003 United States	Accession
160 Suriname		6 January 1993 Russian Federation	Accession
		9 April 1993 United States	Accession
		6 January 1996 United Kingdom	Accession
161 Sweden	27 February 1974 Russian Federation	5 February 1976 Russian Federation	Ratification
	27 February 1975 United Kingdom	5 February 1976 United Kingdom	Ratification
	27 February 1975 United States	5 February 1976 United States	Ratification
162 Switzerland	10 April 1972 Russian Federation	4 May 1976 Russian Federation	Ratification
	10 April 1972 United Kingdom	4 May 1976 United Kingdom	Ratification
	10 April 1972 United States	4 May 1976 United States	Ratification
163 Tajikistan		27 June 2005 Russian Federation	Accession
164 Thailand	17 January 1973 United States	28 May 1975 United States	Ratification
165 Timor-Leste		5 May 2003 United States	Accession
166 Togo	10 April 1972 United States	10 November 1976 United States	Ratification
167 Tonga		28 September 1976 United Kingdom	Accession
168 Trinidad and Tobago		19 July 2007 United Kingdom	Accession
169 Tunisia	10 April 1972 Russian Federation	18 May 1973 United States	Ratification
	10 April 1972 United Kingdom	30 May 1973 Russian Federation	Ratification
	10 April 1972 United States	6 June 1973 United Kingdom	Ratification
170 Türkiye	10 April 1972 Russian Federation	25 October 1974 Russian Federation	Ratification
	10 April 1972 United Kingdom	4 November 1974 United Kingdom	Ratification
	10 April 1972 United States	5 November 1974 United States	Ratification

<i>State</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Deposit</i>	<i>Deposit type</i>
171 Turkmenistan		8 March 1996 United States	Accession
		11 January 1996 Russian Federation	Accession
172 Uganda		12 May 1992 United States	Accession
173 Ukraine	10 April 1972 Russian Federation	26 March 1975 Russian Federation	Ratification
174 United Arab Emirates	28 September 1972 United Kingdom	19 June 2008 United Kingdom	Ratification
175 United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	10 April 1972 Russian Federation	26 March 1975 Russian Federation	Ratification
	10 April 1972 United Kingdom	26 March 1975 United Kingdom	Ratification
	10 April 1972 United States	26 March 1975 United States	Ratification
176 United Republic of Tanzania	16 August 1972 United Kingdom	14 August 2019 United Kingdom	Ratification
177 United States of America	10 April 1972 Russian Federation	26 March 1975 Russian Federation	Ratification
	10 April 1972 United Kingdom	26 March 1975 United Kingdom	Ratification
	10 April 1972 United States	26 March 1975 United States	Ratification
178 Uruguay		6 April 1981 United States	Accession
179 Uzbekistan		26 January 1996 Russian Federation	Accession
180 Vanuatu		6 September 2016 United Kingdom	Succession
181 Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	10 April 1972 United States	18 October 1978 Russian Federation	Ratification
		18 October 1978 United Kingdom	Ratification
		18 October 1978 United States	Ratification
182 Viet Nam	10 April 1972 Russian Federation	20 June 1980 Russian Federation	Ratification
183 Yemen	26 April 1972 Russian Federation	1 June 1979 Russian Federation	Ratification
	10 May 1972 United Kingdom		
184 Zambia		15 January 2008 United Kingdom	Accession
185 Zimbabwe		15 January 2008 United Kingdom	Accession

Annex II

List of Signatories to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction as at 11 October 2023

<i>State</i>	<i>Signature</i>
1 Egypt	10 April 1972 Russian Federation 10 April 1972 United Kingdom
2 Haiti	10 April 1972 United States
3 Somalia	3 July 1972 Russian Federation
4 Syrian Arab Republic	14 April 1972 Russian Federation
