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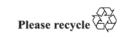
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Progress with universalization of the Convention

Report on universalization activities....

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). This document outlines the results to date of the activities to promote universalization of the Biological Weapons Convention undertaken by the Implementation Support Unit (ISU) and the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) in 2024. It also includes information from States Parties and different organizations, where that information has been provided. The Convention currently has 187 States Parties (listed in the Annex), with four signatories and six States having neither signed nor ratified. A total of ten States are therefore not party to the Convention.

^{***} This document was scheduled for publication after the standard publication date due to consultations with interested parties and stakeholders.





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^{**} Submitted by the Secretariat to comply with the deadline set by the United Nations Office at Geneva for translation of official documents and to ensure availability in all official languages prior to the Meeting. This document is provisional and will be considered by the Meeting of States Parties and amended if necessary. Any amendments will be reflected in a revised version.

I. Introduction

1. During the reporting period, two States, the Federated States of Micronesia and Tuvalu, have joined the Biological Weapons Convention (BWC). The Convention therefore currently has 187 States Parties, with four States having signed but not ratified the Convention and six States having neither signed nor ratified the Convention. This report outlines information available about these ten States.

II. Activities to promote universalization

- 2. The following universalization activities have been undertaken and reported to the Implementation Support Unit (ISU) during 2024:
- (a) The United States of America informed the Implementation Support Unit that it continues to pursue the universalization of the Convention with every opportunity to engage those countries that are not yet Party to the Convention. It noted that the United States' commitment is evidenced by its robust financial support to the Global Partnership's "Signature Initiative to Mitigate Biological Threats in Africa" in support of the universalization and effective implementation of the Convention in the continent. Additionally, the United States informed the Implementation Support Unit that, during 2024, it had formally and informally engaged the governments of Chad, Comoros, Kiribati, the Federated States of Micronesia and Tuvalu. Thanks to the joint work with UNODA and the European Union, the United States noted that it was honoured to welcome the accession of two new States Parties, Tuvalu and the Federated States of Micronesia;
- (b) 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),, 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;
- (c) On 18 January 2024, Ms. Izumi Nakamitsu, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for Disarmament Affairs met with the Permanent Representatives of the Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati and Tuvalu to the United Nations in New York to discuss the importance of joining the BWC. On 19 February 2024, Ms. Nakamitsu sent letters to the three Permanent Representatives to reiterate the importance of reaching the universalization of the Convention in the Pacific;
- (d) From 23 to 25 January 2024, in Brisbane, Australia, UNODA and the ISU organized a regional workshop on achieving the universalization of the Biological Weapons Convention in the Pacific. Delegations from Kiribati and Tuvalu participated in the workshop. During the workshop, presentations were given by UNODA and the ISU on the benefits and responsibilities deriving from the BWC, the necessary legal procedures for joining it, the key aspects of national implementation as well as the role of BWC national contact points. Representatives from Australia, Fiji, New Zealand and Samoa also participated in the workshop and shared best practices and lessons learned with regard to joining and implementing the Convention at the national level, thus facilitating regional dialogue on the BWC. The workshop was organized with the support of the European Union and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) of Australia;
- (e) From 19 to 23 August 2024, UNODA hosted delegations from the Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati and Tuvalu in Geneva. The three delegations also participated in the Fourth Session of the Working Group on the Strengthening of the Convention, which took place at the same time. The visit facilitated the participation of the two newest States Parties, the Federated States of Micronesia and Tuvalu, in the Fourth Session of the Working Group and provided Kiribati with exposure to BWC official meetings and the discussions

taking place in the framework of its Working Group. The visit by the delegations of the three States was made possible with funding from the European Union; and

(f) In 2024, UNODA and the BWC ISU developed a *Universalization Toolkit* to assist those States which have not yet joined the BWC and those wishing to promote universalization of the Convention (BWC States Parties, BWC officeholders, civil society, etc.). The *Toolkit* is based on decisions and recommendations from official BWC meetings and assembles relevant information which is also available on the BWC website and the *Guide to Implementing the Biological Weapons Convention*. The *Universalization Toolkit* is available on the BWC website.

III. Overview of current status

- 3. Activities conducted throughout 2024 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

Geographical region	States not party and Signatories* to the Convention	Total
Africa	Chad, Comoros, Djibouti, Egypt*, Eritrea, Somalia*	6
Asia and Pacific	Kiribati	1
Latin America and Caribbean	Haiti*	1
Middle East	Israel, Syrian Arab Republic*	2

Table 2

Situation	States not party and Signatories* to the Convention	Total
Accession or ratification process well advanced	Comoros, Kiribati	2
Accession or ratification process started	Chad	1
Waiting for further information, assistance, or have other priorities, etc.	Djibouti, Eritrea, Haiti, Somalia*	4
No action expected in near future	Egypt*, Israel, Syrian Arab Republic*	3

IV. Signatories

Egypt

5. No further information has been reported during 2024.

Haiti

6. No further information has been reported during 2024.

Somalia

7. No further information has been reported during 2024.

Syrian Arab Republic

8. No further information has been reported during 2024.

V. States neither signed nor ratified

Chad

9. From 6 to 7 February 2024, UNODA conducted a universalization event in N'Djamena, Chad. This outreach visit brought together senior national stakeholders and decision-makers involved in the BWC accession process in order to raise awareness about the importance of BWC universalization and to encourage broad national cooperation to that end. The visit was the latest step in a series of universalization and assistance efforts that began with the participation of a Chadian delegation in the Sub-Regional Workshop on the Universalization and Effective Implementation of the BWC in Central Africa and the visit of a high-level delegation from the Chadian Ministry of Foreign Affairs to Geneva in the margins of the BWC Meeting of States Parties in December 2023.

Comoros

10. Following the high-level parliamentary visit in March 2023 and representatives of Comoros attending the Regional Workshop to Support the Universalization and Effective Implementation of the Biological Weapons Convention in Northern Africa from 13 to 15 June 2023, the ISU and UNODA continued to be in regular contact with Comoros regarding its accession to the BWC. On 19 July 2024, the Decree no.24-102/PR authorizing the President of Comoros to accede to the BWC was approved by the National Assembly of Comoros. The ISU and UNODA remain in close contact with Comoros regarding the deposit of its instrument of accession with the BWC depository governments.

Djibouti

11. UNODA, in collaboration with UNICRI and United Nations Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) Support Unit, are planning to conduct a national CBRN event in Djibouti. The ISU and UNODA remain in close contact with Djibouti regarding progress on acceding to the BWC.

Eritrea

12. UNODA staff met with a representative from the Permanent Mission of Eritrea to the United Nations Office at Geneva in June 2024.

Israel

13. No further information has been reported during 2024.

Kiribati

14. Kiribati participated in the regional universalization workshop organized by UNODA and the ISU from 23 to 25 January 2024 in Brisbane, Australia. Kiribati also attended the fourth session of the Working Group on the Strengthening of the Convention from 19 to 23 August 2024 as an Observer State.

Micronesia (Federated States of)

15. The Federated States of Micronesia were invited to the regional universalization workshop organized by UNODA and the ISU from 23 to 25 January 2024 in Brisbane, Australia, but did not participate in the workshop. Instead, on 29 February 2024 an online briefing with officials from the Federated States of Micronesia took place during which UNODA and the ISU gave presentations on the BWC, the necessary legal procedures for joining it as well as the technical assistance and capacity-building support available to the Federated States of Micronesia for joining and implementing the Convention. As a result of the outreach efforts, the Federated States of Micronesia acceded to the Convention on 12 July 2024, becoming the 187th State Party to the Convention.

Tuvalu

16. Tuvalu participated in the regional universalization workshop organized by UNODA and the ISU from 23 to 25 January 2024 in Brisbane, Australia. As a result of the outreach efforts, Tuvalu acceded to the Convention on 28 June 2024, becoming the 186th State Party 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 8 November 2024¹

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: 187

State	Signature	Deposit	Deposit type
1 Afghanista	an 10 April 1972 Russian Federation	26 March 1975 United Kingdom	Ratification
	10 April 1972 United Kingdom		
	10 April 1972 United States		
2 Albania		3 June 1992 United States	Accession
		11 August 1992 United Kingdom	Accession
		26 March 1993 Russian Federation	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 ar Barbuda	nd	29 January 2003 United Kingdom	Accession
7 Argentina	7 August 1972 United States	27 November 1979 United States	Ratification
	1 August 1972 Russian Federation	5 December 1979 United Kingdom	Ratification
	3 August 1972 United Kingdom	27 December 1979 Russian Federation	Ratification
8 Armenia		7 June 1994 Russian Federation	Accession
		7 June 1994 United States	Accession
9 Australia	10 April 1972 Russian Federation	5 October 1977 United Kingdom	Ratification
	10 April 1972 United States	5 October 1977 Russian Federation	Ratification
	10 April 1972 United Kingdom	5 October 1977 United States	Ratification
10 Austria	10 April 1972 Russian Federation	10 August 1973 United Kingdom	Ratification
	10 April 1972 United States	10 August 1973 United States	Ratification
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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.

	State	Signature	Deposit	Deposit type
		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

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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	10 April 1972 Russian Federation	16 September 1975 United Kingdom	Ratification
	Republic of the Congo	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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18	Dominica		1 August 2016 United Kingdom	Succession
9	Dominican Republic	10 April 1972 United States	23 February 1973 United States	Ratification
0	Ecuador	14 June 1972 United States	12 March 1975 United States	Ratification
1	El Salvador	10 April 1972 United States	31 December 1991 United States	Ratification
52	Equatorial		16 January 1989 Russian Federation	Accession
	Guinea		29 July 1992 United States	Accession
3	Estonia		21 June 1993 United States	Accession
			1 July 1993 Russian Federation	Accession
4	Eswatini		18 June 1991 United Kingdom	Accession
5	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
6	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
8	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
0	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
51	Georgia		22 May 1996 Russian Federation	Accession
			22 May 1996 United Kingdom	Accession
52	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		
53	Ghana	10 April 1972 Russian Federation	6 June 1975 United Kingdom	Ratification
		10 April 1972 United States		
54	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	10 April 1972 Russian Federation	22 August 1973 United States	Ratification
	Republic of)	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
	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	10 April 1972 United Kingdom	22 March 1973 United States	Ratification
	Democratic Republic	10 April 1972 United States	25 April 1973 United Kingdom	Ratification
	F	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	Micronesia (Federated States of)		12 July 2024 United States	Accession
107	Monaco		30 April 1999 United Kingdom	Accession
108	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
109	Montenegro		3 June 2006 Russian Federation	Succession
			12 December 2006 United Kingdom	Succession
110	Morocco	2 May 1972 United Kingdom	21 March 2002 United Kingdom	Ratification
		3 May 1972 United States		
		5 June 1972 Russian Federation		
111	Mozambique		29 March 2011 United Kingdom	Accession
112	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
113	Namibia		25 February 2022 United Kingdom	Accession
114	Nauru		5 March 2013 United States	Accession
115	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
116	Netherlands	10 April 1972 Russian Federation	22 June 1981 Russian Federation	Ratification
	(Kingdom of the)	10 April 1972 United Kingdom	22 June 1981 United Kingdom	Ratification
	uic)	10 April 1972 United States	22 June 1981 United States	Ratification
117	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
118	Nicaragua	10 April 1972 United Kingdom10 April 1972 United States	7 August 1975 United States	Ratification
119	Niger	21 April 1972 United States	23 June 1972 United States	Ratification
	Nigeria	3 July 1972 Russian Federation	3 July 1973 United States	Ratification
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		6 December 1972 United States	20 July 1973 Russian Federation	Ratification
121	Niue		14 June 2018 United States	Accession
122	North		26 December 1996 Russian Federation	Succession
	Macedonia		14 March 1997 United Kingdom	Succession
			23 April 1997 United States	Succession
123	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
124	Oman		31 March 1992 United States	Accession
125	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
126	Palau		20 February 2003 United States	Accession
127	Panama	2 May 1972 United States	20 March 1974 United States	Ratification
128	Papua New		27 October 1980 United Kingdom	Accession
	Guinea		13 November 1980 Russian Federation	Accession
			16 March 1981 United States	Accession
129	Paraguay		9 June 1976 United States	Accession
130	Peru	10 April 1972 Russian Federation	5 June 1985 United Kingdom	Ratification
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		10 April 1972 United States	11 June 1985 United States	Ratification
131	Philippines	10 April 1972 United Kingdom	21 May 1973 United States	Ratification
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		21 June 1972 Russian Federation		
132	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
133	Portugal	29 June 1972 United States	15 May 1975 Russian Federation	Ratification
			15 May 1975 United Kingdom	Ratification
			15 May 1975 United States	Ratification
134	Qatar	14 November 1972 United Kingdom	17 April 1975 United Kingdom	Ratification
135	Republic of	10 April 1972 United Kingdom	25 June 1987 United Kingdom	Ratification
	Korea	10 April 1972 United States	25 June 1987 United States	Ratification
136	Republic of		28 January 2005 United States	Accession
	Moldova		28 January 2005 Russian Federation	Accession
137	Romania	10 April 1972 Russian Federation	25 July 1979 United States	Ratification

	State	Signature	Deposit	Deposit type
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		10 April 1972 United States	27 July 1979 Russian Federation	Ratification
138	Russian	10 April 1972 Russian Federation	26 March 1975 Russian Federation	Ratification
	Federation	10 April 1972 United Kingdom	26 March 1975 United Kingdom	Ratification
		10 April 1972 United States	26 March 1975 United States	Ratification
139	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
140	Saint Kitts and Nevis		2 April 1991 United Kingdom	Accession
141	Saint Lucia		26 November 1986 United Kingdom	Succession
142	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines		13 May 1999 United Kingdom	Succession
143	Samoa		21 September 2017 United States	Accession
144	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
145	Sao Tome and Principe		24 August 1979 Russian Federation	Accession
146	Saudi Arabia	12 April 1972 United States	24 May 1972 United States	Ratification
147	Senegal	10 April 1972 United States	26 March 1975 United States	Ratification
148	Serbia		27 April 1992 Russian Federation	Succession
			13 June 2001 United Kingdom	Succession
			5 June 2001 United States	Succession
149	Seychelles		11 October 1979 United Kingdom	Accession
			16 October 1979 United States	Accession
			24 October 1979 Russian Federation	Accession
150	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
151	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
152	Slovakia		1 January 1993 Russian Federation	Succession
			17 May 1993 United Kingdom	Succession
			10 June 1993 United States	Succession

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

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171	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
172	Turkmenistan		8 March 1996 United States	Accession
			11 January 1996 Russian Federation	Accession
173	Tuvalu		28 June 2024 United States	Accession
174	Uganda		12 May 1992 United States	Accession
175	Ukraine	10 April 1972 Russian Federation	26 March 1975 Russian Federation	Ratification
176	United Arab Emirates	28 September 1972 United Kingdom	19 June 2008 United Kingdom	Ratification
177	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
178	United Republic of Tanzania	16 August 1972 United Kingdom	14 August 2019 United Kingdom	Ratification
179	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
180	Uruguay		6 April 1981 United States	Accession
181	Uzbekistan		26 January 1996 Russian Federation	Accession
182	Vanuatu		6 September 2016 United Kingdom	Succession
183	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
184	Viet Nam	10 April 1972 Russian Federation	20 June 1980 Russian Federation	Ratification
185	Yemen	26 April 1972 Russian Federation	1 June 1979 Russian Federation	Ratification
		10 May 1972 United Kingdom		
186	Zambia		15 January 2008 United Kingdom	Accession
187	Zimbabwe		5 November 1990 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 8 November 2024

	State	Signature
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