

ANNEX 7:

AFFILIATION OF WHO MEMBER STATES TO THE INTERNATIONAL TREATIES ON BIOLOGICAL AND CHEMICAL WEAPONS

The table below sets out which WHO Member States are (+) or are not (–) parties to the international treaties that afford protection against CBW attack or threat of attack, namely the *Protocol for the Prohibition of the Use in War of Asphyxiating, Poisonous or other Gases, and of Bacteriological Methods of Warfare*, signed at Geneva on 17 June 1925 (“the Geneva Protocol” (GP)), the *Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction*, signed at London, Moscow and Washington on 10 April 1972 (“the 1972 Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention” (BWC)), and the *Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction*, signed at Paris on 13 January 1993 (“the 1993 Chemical Weapons Convention” (CWC)). The table also shows (|) which Member States have signed a treaty but not yet ratified it. The information given is current as at 25 September 2002 with regard to the GP, 25 October 2002 with regard to the BWC, and 25 October 2002 with regard to the CWC.

WHO Member States	GP	BWC	CWC
Afghanistan	+	+	
Albania	+	+	+
Algeria	+	–	+
Andorra	–	–	–
Angola	+	–	–
Antigua and Barbuda	+	–	–
Argentina	+	+	+
Armenia	–	+	+
Australia	+	+	+
Austria	+	+	+
Azerbaijan	–	–	+

WHO Member States	GP	BWC	CWC
Bahamas	–	+	
Bahrain	+	+	+
Bangladesh	+	+	+
Barbados	+	+	–
Belarus	–	+	+
Belgium	+	+	+
Belize	–	+	–
Benin	+	+	+
Bhutan	+	+	
Bolivia	+	+	+
Bosnia and Herzegovina	–	+	+
Botswana	–	+	+
Brazil	+	+	+
Brunei Darussalam	–	+	+
Bulgaria	+	+	+
Burkina Faso	+	+	+
Burundi	–		+
Cambodia	+	+	
Cameroon	+	–	+
Canada	+	+	+
Cape Verde	+	+	
Central African Republic	+		
Chad	–	–	
Chile	+	+	+
China	+	+	+
Colombia	–	+	+
Comoros	–	–	
Congo	–	+	
Cook Islands ^Y	–	–	+
Costa Rica	–	+	+
Côte d'Ivoire	+		+
Croatia	–	+	+
Cuba	+	+	+
Cyprus	+	+	+
Czech Republic	◆	+	+
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	+	+	–
Democratic Republic of the Congo	–	+	
Denmark	+	+	+
Djibouti	–	–	
Dominica	–	+	+
Dominican Republic	+	+	

WHO Member States	GP	BWC	CWC
Ecuador	+	+	+
Egypt	+		-
El Salvador		+	+
Equatorial Guinea	+	+	+
Eritrea	-	-	+
Estonia	+	+	+
Ethiopia	+	+	+
Fiji	+	+	+
Finland	+	+	+
France	+	+	+
Gabon	-		+
Gambia	+	+	+
Georgia	-	+	+
Germany	+	+	+
Ghana	+	+	+
Greece	+	+	+
Grenada	+	+	
Guatemala	+	+	
Guinea	-	+	+
Guinea-Bissau	+	+	
Guyana	-		+
Haiti	-		
Honduras	-	+	
Hungary	+	+	+
Iceland	+	+	+
India	+	+	+
Indonesia	+	+	+
Iran, Islamic Republic of	+	+	+
Iraq	+	+	-
Ireland	+	+	+
Israel	+	-	
Italy	+	+	+
Jamaica	+	+	+
Japan	+	+	+
Jordan	+	+	+
Kazakhstan	-	-	+
Kenya	+	+	+
Kiribati	-	-	+
Kuwait	+	+	+
Kyrgyzstan	-	-	
Lao People's Democratic Republic	+	+	+

WHO Member States	GP	BWC	CWC
Latvia	+	+	+
Lebanon	+	+	–
Lesotho	+	+	+
Liberia	+		
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	+	+	–
Lithuania	+	+	+
Luxembourg	+	+	+
Madagascar	+		
Malawi	+		+
Malaysia	+	+	+
Maldives	+	+	+
Mali	–		+
Malta	+	+	+
Marshall Islands	–	–	
Mauritania	–	–	+
Mauritius	+	+	+
Mexico	+	+	+
Micronesia, Federated States of	–	–	+
Monaco	+	+	+
Mongolia	+	+	+
Morocco	+	+	+
Mozambique	–	–	+
Myanmar	–		
Namibia	–	–	+
Nauru	–	–	+
Nepal	+		+
Netherlands	+	+	+
New Zealand	+	+	+
Nicaragua	+	+	+
Niger	+	+	+
Nigeria	+	+	+
Niue ʘʘ	–	–	–
Norway	+	+	+
Oman	–	+	+
Pakistan	+	+	+
Palau	–	–	–
Panama	+	+	+
Papua New Guinea	+	+	+
Paraguay	+	+	+
Peru	+	+	+
Philippines	+	+	+

WHO Member States	GP	BWC	CWC
Poland	+	+	+
Portugal	+	+	+
Qatar	+	+	+
Republic of Korea	+	+	+
Republic of Moldova	-	-	+
Romania	+	+	+
Russian Federation	+	+	+
Rwanda	+	+	
Saint Kitts and Nevis	+	+	
Saint Lucia	+	+	+
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	+	+	+
Samoa	-	-	+
San Marino	-	+	+
Sao Tome and Principe	-	+	-
Saudi Arabia	+	+	+
Senegal	+	+	+
Seychelles	-	+	+
Sierra Leone	+	+	
Singapore	-	+	+
Slovakia	+	+	+
Slovenia	-	+	+
Solomon Islands	+	+	-
Somalia	-		-
South Africa	+	+	+
Spain	+	+	+
Sri Lanka	+	+	+
Sudan	+	-	+
Suriname	-	+	+
Swaziland	+	+	+
Sweden	+	+	+
Switzerland	+	+	+
Syrian Arab Republic	+		-
Tajikistan	-	-	+
Thailand	+	+	
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	-	+	+
Timor-Leste	-	-	-
Togo	+	+	+
Tonga	+	+	
Trinidad and Tobago	+	-	+
Tunisia	+	+	+
Turkey	+	+	+

WHO Member States	GP	BWC	CWC
Turkmenistan	–	+	+
Tuvalu	–	–	–
Uganda	+	+	+
Ukraine	–	+	+
United Arab Emirates	–		+
United Kingdom of Great Britain & Northern Ireland	+	+	+
United Republic of Tanzania	+		+
United States of America	+	+	+
Uruguay	+	+	+
Uzbekistan	–	+	+
Vanuatu	–	+	–
Venezuela	+	+	+
Viet Nam	+	+	+
Yemen	+	+	+
Yugoslavia	◆	+	+
Zambia	–	–	+
Zimbabwe	–	+	+

- ◆ In regard to the Czech Republic and Slovakia, communication from the depositary of the Geneva Protocol, namely the Government of France, dated 30 October 2002, lists only Slovakia as a State Party to the Geneva Protocol. Previous communications from the depositary stated that the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Yugoslavia were States Parties to the Geneva Protocol, Yugoslavia having ratified the Protocol on 27 March 1929, and that both the Czech Republic and Slovakia had become States Parties in their own right through declarations of succession that took effect as of 1 January 1993. Currently only Slovakia is listed as a State Party.

The French Government's interpretation of the relevant international law is that state succession requires an express declaration by a new state for it to be bound by a treaty. The Vienna Convention on the Succession of States in Respect of Treaties 1978, which supports this interpretation of the law, entered into force on 6 November 1996. It currently has only 17 parties, including the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Croatia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Slovenia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Yugoslavia [*sic*], but not France. There is no single definitive rule of customary international law on the question of state succession to treaties.

∩ Member State of WHO but not a Member State of the United Nations.

Further notes

- The Holy See is neither a WHO member nor a United Nations member. It is a State Party to the Geneva Protocol, the BWC and the CWC.
- Liechtenstein is not a WHO member, but is a member of the United Nations. It is a State Party to the Geneva Protocol, the BWC and the CWC.
- Puerto Rico and Tokelau are WHO associate members but not United Nations members.

Sources

- *Geneva Protocol*: Communication dated 30 October 2002 received from the Government of France, which is the depositary of the treaty, transmitting a list of States Parties dated 25 September 2002.
- *Biological Weapons Convention*: Fifth Review Conference of the States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on their Destruction, BWC/CONF.V/INF.4, dated 25 October 2002.
- *Chemical Weapons Convention*: OPCW Technical Secretariat (Office of the Legal Adviser), document S/322/2002 dated 4 November 2002.