



The 1972 Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention

Status overview

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States that have ratified or acceded to the BTWC

As of 15 March 2008, the following 161 states have ratified or acceded to the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention (BTWC):

(Sub-Saharan) Africa (31)

- Benin
- Botswana
- Burkina Faso
- Cape Verde
- Congo
- Congo (Democratic Republic of)
- Equatorial Guinea
- Ethiopia
- Gabon
- Gambia
- Ghana
- Guinea-Bissau
- Kenya
- Lesotho
- Madagascar
- Mali
- Mauritius
- Niger
- Nigeria
- Rwanda
- Sao Tome and Principe
- Senegal
- Seychelles
- Sierra Leone
- South Africa
- Sudan
- Swaziland
- Togo
- Uganda
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

Asia and Pacific Region (38)

- Afghanistan
- Armenia
- Australia
- Azerbaijan
- Bangladesh
- Bhutan
- Brunei Darussalam
- China
- Fiji
- Georgia
- India
- Indonesia
- Japan
- Kampuchea
- Kazakhstan
- Korea (Democratic People's Republic of)
- Korea (Republic of)
- Kyrgyzstan
- Lao People's Democratic Republic
- Malaysia
- Maldives
- Mongolia
- New Zealand
- Pakistan
- Palau
- Papua New Guinea
- Philippines
- Singapore
- Solomon Islands

- Sri Lanka
- Tajikistan
- Thailand
- Timor Leste
- Tonga
- Turkmenistan
- Uzbekistan
- Vanuatu
- Viet Nam

Europe (44)

- Albania
- Austria
- Belarus
- Belgium
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Holy See
- Hungary
- Iceland
- Ireland
- Italy
- Latvia
- Liechtenstein
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Macedonia (Former Yugoslav Republic of)
- Malta

- Moldova (Republic of)
- Monaco
- Montenegro
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Russian Federation
- San Marino
- Serbia
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Ukraine
- United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Latin America and Caribbean (31)

- Antigua and Barbuda
- Argentina
- Bahamas
- Barbados
- Belize
- Bolivia
- Brazil
- Chile
- Colombia
- Costa Rica
- Cuba
- Dominica
- Dominican Republic
- Ecuador
- El Salvador
- Grenada
- Guatemala

- Honduras
- Jamaica
- Mexico
- Nicaragua
- Panama
- Paraguay
- Peru
- Saint Kitts and Nevis
- Saint Lucia
- Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
- Suriname
- Trinidad and Tobago
- Uruguay
- Venezuela

Middle East (15)

- Algeria
- Bahrain
- Iran (Islamic Republic of)

- Iraq
- Jordan
- Kuwait
- Lebanon
- Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
- Morocco
- Oman
- Qatar
- Saudi Arabia
- Tunisia
- Turkey
- Yemen

North America (2)

- Canada
- United States of America

States that have signed, but not ratified the BTWC

As of 15 March 2008, the following 14 states have signed but not ratified the BTWC:

(Sub-Saharan) Africa (7)

- Burundi
- Central African Republic
- Côte d'Ivoire
- Liberia
- Malawi
- Somalia
- Tanzania

Latin America and Caribbean (2)

- Guyana
- Haiti

Middle East (3)

- Egypt
- Syria
- United Arab Emirates

Asia and Pacific Region (2)

- Myanmar
- Nepal

States that have neither signed nor acceded to the BTWC

As of 15 March 2008, the following 20 states have neither signed nor acceded to the BTWC:

(Sub-Saharan) Africa (10)

- Angola
- Cameroon
- Chad
- Comoros
- Djibouti
- Eritrea
- Guinea
- Mauritania
- Mozambique
- Namibia

Asia and Pacific Region (8)

- Cook Islands
- Kiribati

- Marshall Islands
- Micronesia
- Nauru
- Niue
- Samoa
- Tuvalu

Europe (1)

- Andorra

Middle East (1)

- Israel

States that are Party to the CWC, but not to the BTWC

As of 15 March 2008, the following 28 states are party to the CWC, but not to the BTWC:

(Sub-Saharan) Africa (15)

- Burundi
- Cameroon
- Central African Republic
- Chad
- Comoros
- Côte d'Ivoire
- Djibouti
- Eritrea
- Guinea
- Liberia
- Malawi
- Mauritania
- Mozambique
- Namibia
- Tanzania

Asia and Pacific Region (9)

- Cook Islands
- Kiribati

- Marshall Islands
- Micronesia
- Nauru
- Nepal
- Niue
- Samoa
- Tuvalu

Europe (1)

- Andorra

Latin America and Caribbean (2)

- Guyana
- Haiti

Middle East (1)

- United Arab Emirates

***States that are neither party to the BTWC,
nor to the CWC***

As of 15 March 2008, the following 6 states are not party to the BTWC and CWC:

(Sub-Saharan) Africa (2)

- Angola
- Somalia

Middle East (3)

- Egypt
- Israel
- Syria

Asia and Pacific Region (1)

- Myanmar