

The Biological Weapons Convention



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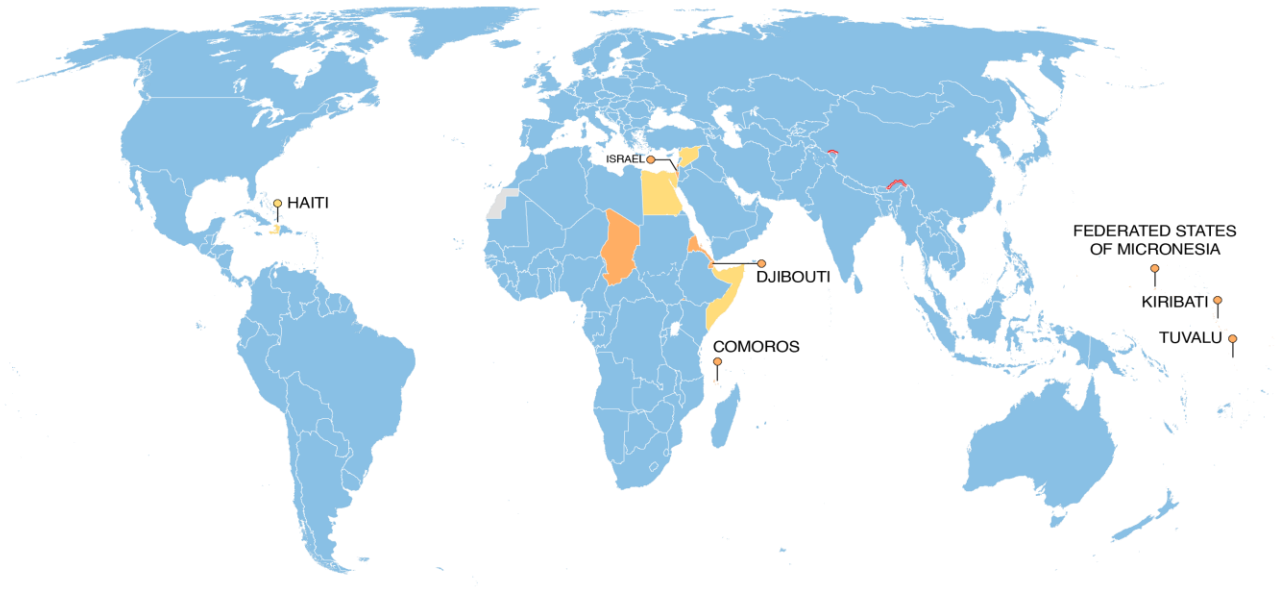
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Biological Weapons Convention

prohibits **development, production, stockpiling, acquisition, retention or transfer of biological weapons**

- Opened for signature on 10 April 1972
- Entry into Force on 26 March 1975
- First multilateral disarmament treaty banning an entire category of WMD
- 15 Articles, comprehensive scope
- Non-discriminatory in nature
- Open to all states



185

STATES
PARTIES

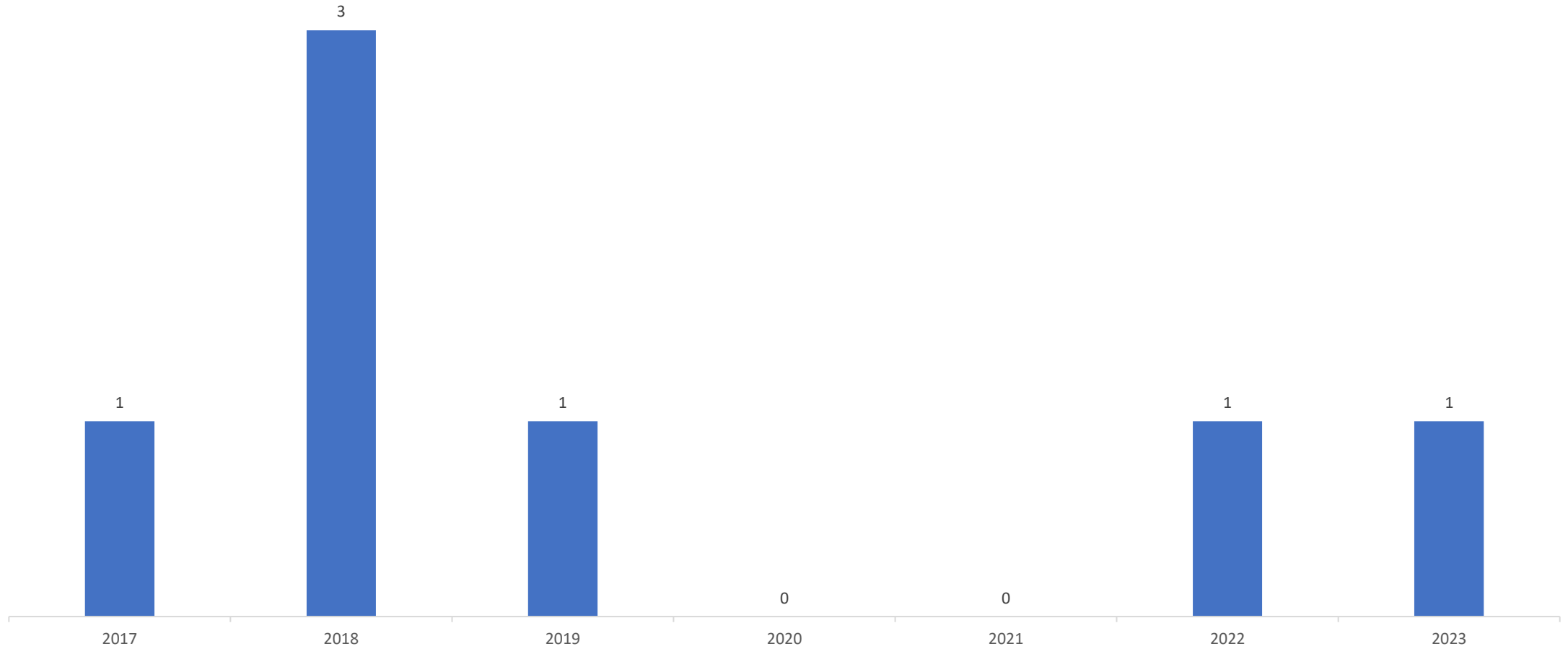
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SIGNATORY
STATES

8

NON-SIGNATORY
STATES

New BWC States Parties 2017 - 2023



- 2017 – Samoa
- 2018 – Central African Republic, Niue, State of Palestine
- 2019 – Tanzania
- 2020 –
- 2021 –
- 2022 – Namibia
- 2023 – South Sudan

Activities

- Regional workshops
- Outreach by MSP Chairpersons
- Outreach by States Parties
- Projects – EU-CD activities, project on universalization and implementation in Africa
- Visits to Geneva

Observations

- Prepare for the long haul
- Continuity of contacts
- Find national “champions”
- Vital importance of parliamentarians
- Work with regional organizations
- Make use of in-country UN presence

For more information...



<https://www.un.org/disarmament/biological-weapons>



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