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The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC) stresses the importance of the early entry into force of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction (CWC), as confirmed in Decision VI of the Budapest Document 1994.

The FSC therefore reiterates the call from Decision VI of the Budapest Document 1994 on the participating States that have not yet done so to seek early ratification of the above-mentioned Convention.

Further, the FSC decides that:

1. Before 1 September 1996 and annually thereafter until and including the time of ratification, participating States should provide each other with written information on the status of the ratification process of the above-mentioned Convention.
2. Participating States are also invited to provide information on their national preparations for entry into force.
3. The information required in paragraph 1 should be provided by answering questions 1-2 in the attached questionnaire. The information mentioned in paragraph 2 may be provided by answering questions 3-4 in the attached questionnaire. Any other relevant information may be given by answering question 5.
4. Participating States should also provide the Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC) with the above-mentioned written information, which should be included in the Implementation Overviews of the CPC.

Questionnaire on the process of ratification of the Chemical Weapons Convention

1. What is the current situation with the ratification process in your country?
 - (a) CWC ratified CWC not ratified
 - (b) (Foreseeable) Date of deposit of instrument of ratification, if possible: _____
 - (c) If the CWC is ratified, proceed to question 3.

2. What stage of a formal ratification process has already been reached ?
at executive level in Parliament

3. Has/Will relevant implementation legislation been/be adopted before or after ratification?
before/simultaneously after ratification

4. Has your country officially established or designated the National Authority?
yes no

5. Any other relevant information: