

Table 8: Known and Suggested Chemical Weapons Possessors

Known	Suggested	
USA USSR Iraq	Angola Burma China Cuba Egypt Ethiopia France* India Iran Israel	Laos Libya* North Korea Pakistan South Africa South Korea Syria* Taiwan Thailand Vietnam*

* The asterisks indicate those countries which have been the subject of most speculation.

8. Chemical Weapons Stockpiles

Entry into force of a Chemical Weapons Convention will take place after an agreed number of nations ratify it as States Parties. It is likely that the initial period between opening for signature and entry into force will take two to three years and involve in the order of fifty to sixty signatures. The actual number will have a bearing as the size of the inspectorate required since many of the inspection activities are mandated to take place almost immediately after entry into force.

Not later than 30 days after entry into force, the States Parties will have to submit the declarations required by Articles III, IV, V and VI. If they possess chemical weapons they will have to provide for immediate on-site inspection and submit general plans for the destruction of weapons with detailed