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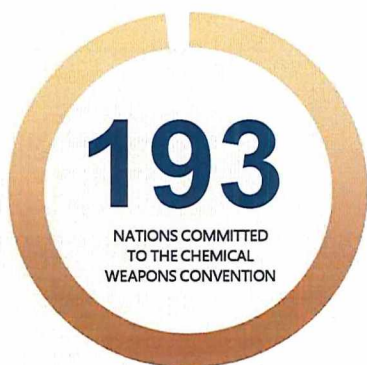
Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons

Working towards a world free from chemical weapons

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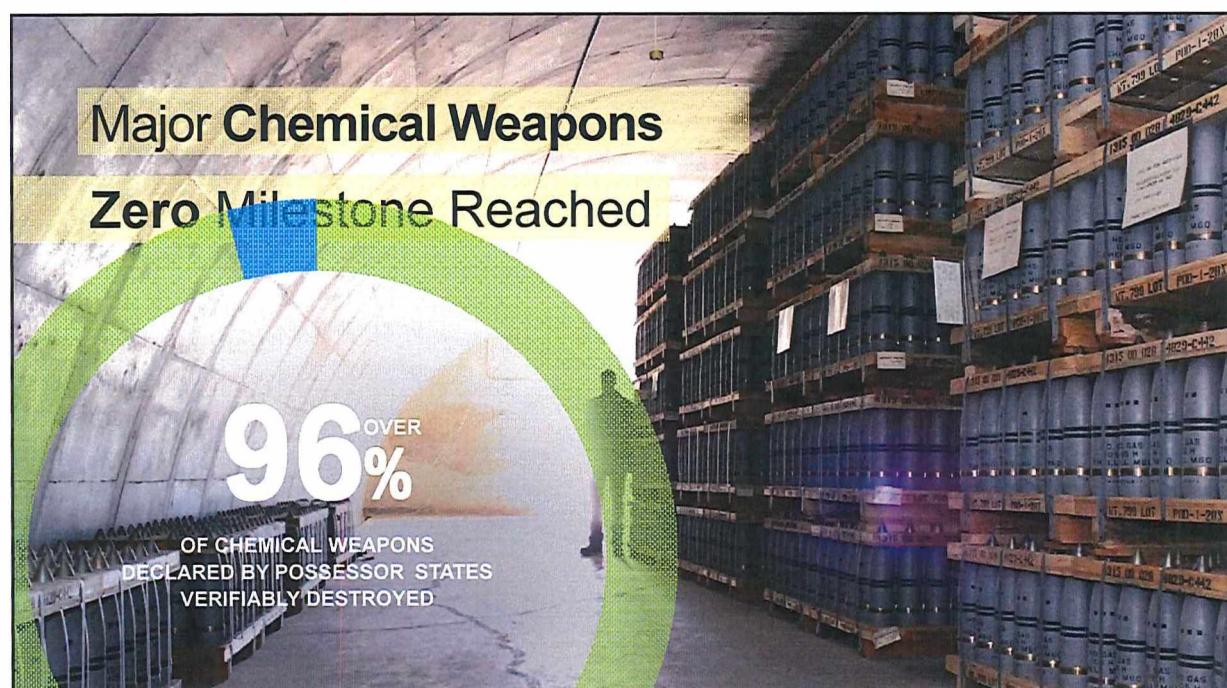
26 February 2019



1997

**CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION
ENTERS INTO FORCE**







Syrie

ation de
mique en

terdiction des armes
raisemblablement utilisé
aque contre la ville


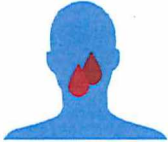


Organisation pour
l'interdiction des
armes chimiques
(C) a confirmé mercre-
à mai que du chlore
été « vraisemblable-
ment utilisé comme arme
chimique » le 4 février lors
d'une attaque contre la
ville syrienne de Saraqeb.

فيديو يظهر آثار الهجوم بـ"مواد
كيماوية" بخان شيخون

بالعربية

叙政府坚决否认使用化学武器，叙政府坚决否认在阿勒颇一处弹药库，可能导致后者藏匿的化学武器




	<h2>CHOKING AGENTS</h2>		<h2>NERVE AGENTS</h2>
<p>EXAMPLES <i>Chlorine</i> <i>Phosgene</i></p>	<p>Attacks lung tissue when inhaled, leading to respiratory failure. Cause severe, often permanent, lung damage, or death.</p>	<p>EXAMPLES <i>Sarin</i> <i>VX</i></p>	<p>Disrupts nerve cells from sending signals to organs and muscles, causing convulsions, paralysis, and respiratory failure. Highly lethal.</p>
	<h2>BLOOD AGENTS</h2>		<h2>BLISTER AGENTS</h2>
<p>EXAMPLES <i>Hydrogen</i> <i>Cyanide</i></p>	<p>Some types cause red blood cells to burst, while others disrupt blood cells' ability to process oxygen. Often fatal.</p>	<p>EXAMPLES <i>Mustard</i> <i>Lewisite</i></p>	<p>Cause burns or severe blisters on the skin, eyes, and lungs, as well as possible airway irritation. Not typically fatal, but neurological effects or a blocked airway can cause death.</p>

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Working together for
a world free of
chemical weapons

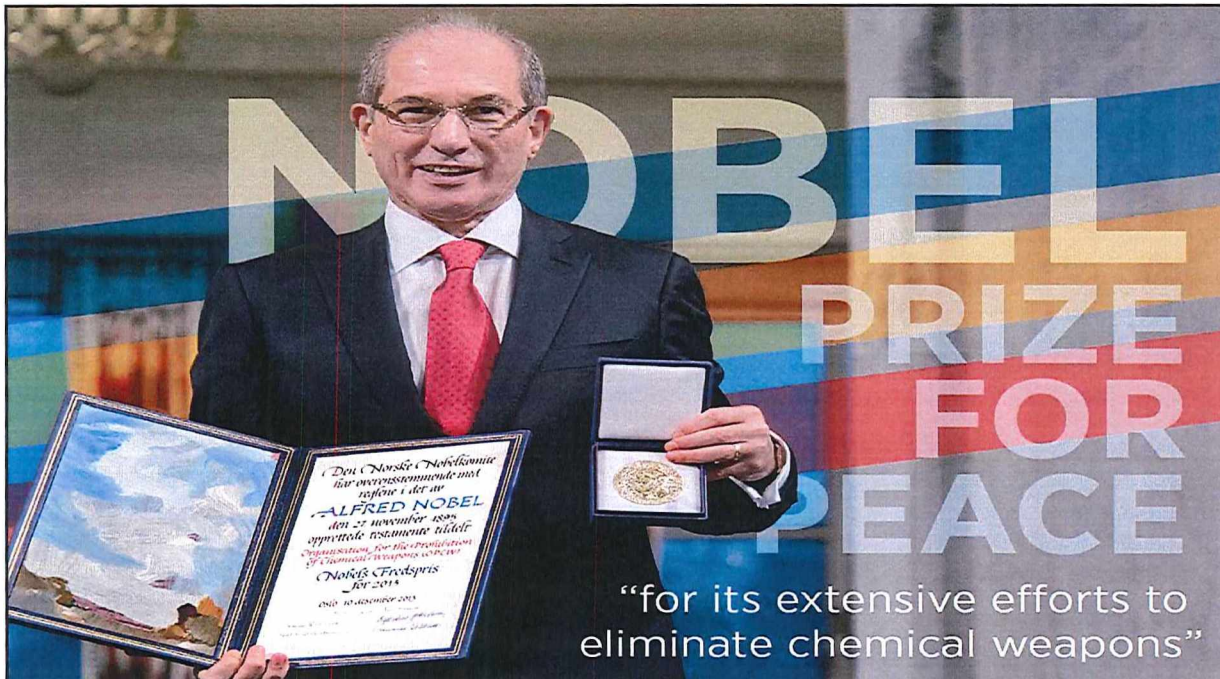




INSPECT
destruction and industry facilities

FACILITATE
peaceful uses of chemistry

SUPPORT
implementation of the Convention



NOBEL PRIZE FOR PEACE

“for its extensive efforts to eliminate chemical weapons”



2013

SYRIA

joins the Chemical Weapons Convention

Fact-Finding Mission

Ongoing effort to investigate systematic use of toxic chemicals as weapons in Syria

1300

Metric tonnes of chemical agent declared by Syria verifiably destroyed



OPCW Technical Assistance visits
Reports confirmed UK findings
Same chemical used in both incidents



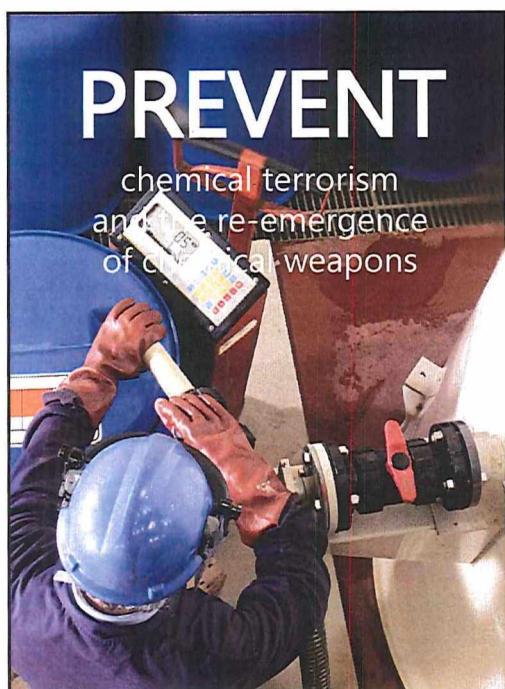
DECISION 27 JUNE 2018

**ADDRESSING THE THREAT FROM
CHEMICAL WEAPONS USE**

82 OUT OF **106**
MEMBER STATES
VOTED **YES**

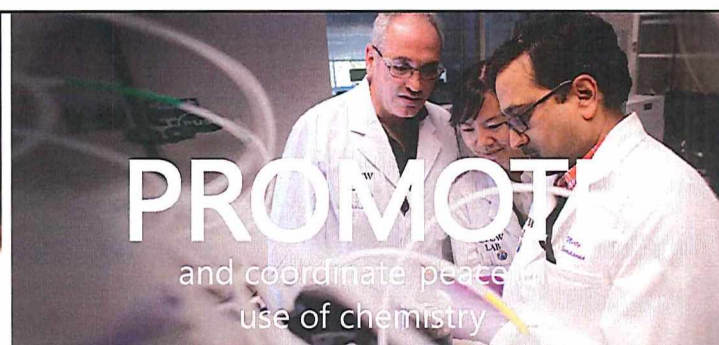
Condemning the use of chemical weapons by anyone, under any circumstances

To identify the perpetrators of the use of chemical weapons



PREVENT

chemical terrorism
and the re-emergence
of chemical weapons



PROMOTE

and coordinate peaceful
use of chemistry



EDUCATE

and build sustainable partnerships

Important Partners

- **Chemical industry:** (declarations and verification)
241 industry inspections per year
- **National governments:** implementing legislation
- **Other international organisations:** e.g. WCO, UNSCR 1540 Experts, WHO



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禁止化学武器组织

Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons

Organisation pour l'interdiction des armes chimiques

Организация по запрещению химического оружия

Organización para la Prohibición de las Armas Químicas