



Thematic session – Strengthening Compliance Measures

Thursday, 24 June, 13:00 – 15:00 CEST

**Committee on Cooperative Compliance
(Chile, the Netherlands (Chair), Panama, Spain)**

Background

The Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention is considered one of the most successful humanitarian disarmament treaties due to its wide membership, the global norm it has established against the use of anti-personnel mines, the high rate of compliance by States Parties and its continued successful implementation. Nonetheless, the States Parties acknowledged at the 2019 Fourth Review Conference that the Convention is not without its challenges and restated their commitment to ensuring compliance with the obligations of the Convention.

In adopting the Oslo Action Plan, the States Parties:

- recalled the importance of States with alleged or known non-compliance with the general obligations under Article 1, to continue providing information on the situation to all States Parties and work together in a spirit of cooperation to resolve the matter; and
- agreed to ensure implementation of the measures to ensure compliance within the Convention, particularly Action 9 concerning National Legislation and Article 7 concerning Transparency.

The Committee on Cooperative Compliance is committed to continuing its efforts to ensure compliance with the provision of the Convention in line with its mandate. The Committee further sees the importance of partnership with other organizations in supporting States Parties in their efforts to implement the Convention including international and regional organizations.

To support the efforts of the States Parties, the Committee will lead a thematic discussion on matters related to compliance one year following the adoption of the Oslo Action Plan.

Objectives

The objectives of the session are to provide an opportunity to:

- Provide an opportunity for Civil society to provide their perspective on compliance matters and challenges facing the Convention;
- Share with States Parties the status of Article 9 implementation and the tools available to support the drafting of legislation or efforts to ensure that existing legislation is appropriate to ensure;

- Share with States Parties the status of Article 7 reporting and efforts to facilitate reporting;
- Highlight opportunity for partnership with other organization to strengthen the effectiveness of cooperative compliance;
- Provide an opportunity for States with outstanding alleged/confirmed compliance of violations with the Convention to update the States Parties on their efforts to address them;
- Provide an opportunity for States Parties with outstanding Article 9 obligations to take the floor and update the States Parties on progress made;
- Provide States Parties and organizations with an opportunity to take the floor to discuss matters related to compliance.

Format

The thematic discussion will be held in an interactive format, beginning with introductory remarks by the presenters. The floor will then be open for brief (3-5 minutes) interventions from States Parties and organization concerning matters related to compliance under the Convention.

Discussion

Moderator: H.E. Robbert Gabriëlse, Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva and Disarmament Ambassador-at-large, President of the Nineteenth Meeting of the States Parties (19MSP)

- **Steve Goose**, Executive Director, Arms Division, Human Rights Watch
- **Kelisiana Thynne**, Legal Adviser in the Advisory Services on IHL, Legal Division of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)
- **Dr. Ágnes Vadai**, Chair of the IPU Committee for respect and promotion of the International Humanitarian Law
- **Piotr Dzwonek**, Minister-Counsellor for Disarmament, Deputy Permanent Representative
- **Diana Esperanza Castillo Castro**, Second Secretary, Permanent Mission of Colombia to the United Nations and Chair of the Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance

Background documents

- [The Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction, Oslo Action Declaration, Oslo Action Plan](#)
- [Achieving the Aims of the Oslo Action Plan: Draft Progress Report 2019-2020](#)
- [Oslo Action Plan: Status of Implementation](#)