



**Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention
Meetings of the Standing Committees, 27-30 May 2013**

Compliance

**Statement by New Zealand
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Thank you Mr Co-Chair. New reports of the use of anti-personnel landmines in recent months are of deep concern to my delegation. In the case of States Parties, New Zealand recalls the commitment contained in Article 8, paragraph 1 of the Convention, in which we agree to work together in a spirit of cooperation to facilitate compliance. We are therefore looking forward to updates from the States Parties concerned regarding their efforts to deal with recent compliance concerns, including the status of investigations and prosecutions, and to an open and transparent discussion about how to resolve them. The end goal of such discussions and to our collective work here must be the full realisation of the Convention's humanitarian goals. This serves to strengthen the Convention and its normative status, something which we all support.

Mr Co-Chair

New Zealand is particularly disturbed by the reports coming out over the last few days about the alleged use of anti-personnel landmines by Yemeni government forces. If confirmed, such use would constitute a flagrant and deeply troubling breach of the Convention, and would need to be addressed immediately. New Zealand calls upon Yemen to conduct a full and transparent investigation into these allegations, and if they are confirmed, to bring the perpetrators to account without delay.

Thank you Mr Co-Chair.