



Statement

Update on the dialogue related to the facilitation and clarification of compliance

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Thank you co-Chair,

I am very pleased to have this opportunity to announce that VERTIC's *Guide to fact-finding missions under the Ottawa Convention* is now available.

As Canada has already provided a report on the informal dialogue on the means to facilitate the clarification of compliance held last Friday, where VERTIC launched the guide, I will be very brief with this intervention.

VERTIC wishes to thank all of those who provided very helpful comments on the draft version of the guide which VERTIC presented at the Fourth Meeting of States Parties, held last September.

We trust that this final version of the guide will be a useful tool in States Parties' continuing discussions on how compliance with the Convention may be clarified.

The guide is available from the Implementation Support Unit of the GICHD, the ICBL and the VERTIC office. It will also be distributed to all States Parties next week.

VERTIC looks forward to continuing to contribute to these discussions and to co-operating with States Parties on this issue in future.

Thank you co-Chair.