

## **Activities and Priorities for Implementation 2021-2022**

### **Committee on Cooperative Compliance**

**Chile, the Netherlands (Chair), Panama, Poland and Spain**

#### **I. Activities of the Committee**

1. The Committee in 2021 first met on 12 January 2021 to begin its work of engaging in a cooperative dialogue with those States Parties concerned by alleged and confirmed use of anti-personnel mines. During this meeting, the Committee invited civil society (International Campaign to Ban Landmines /Human Rights Watch) to brief the Committee on matters related to non-compliance with the provision of the Convention and any other matter concerning the Committee's mandate.
2. On 3 March 2021, the Committee, in coordination with the Convention's Coordinating Committee, distributed 164 tailored letters to States Parties to encourage the submission of Article 7 reports. The letters included guidance in terms of the information that should be included in their reports in accordance with their outstanding obligations under the Convention. The letter also highlighted the simplified reporting format for States with no obligations under the Convention other than the submission of annual Article 7 Reports.
3. On 18 March 2021, the Committee invited National Directors and representatives of States Parties to a workshop aimed at supporting States Parties with their reporting obligations. The President, the Committees and a representative of the Committees' Gender Focal Points highlighted the importance of upcoming Article 7 reports to the implementation of their respective mandates to measure progress and share the gaps in reporting in accordance with the baseline established at the Eighteenth Meeting of the States Parties (18MSP). The Implementation Support Unit (ISU) also presented the tools available for States Parties to support their efforts.
4. In its communication with States Parties, the Committee highlighted the importance of States Parties ensuring that they include information on efforts to ensure consideration of gender and the diverse needs and experiences of people in affected communities in every aspect of their work.
5. On 28 March 2021, the Committee wrote to Sudan and Yemen which have alleged and confirmed use of mines, respectively. The Committee encouraged Sudan and Yemen to include information on the status of their efforts to address these matters, to the extent possible taking into account security challenges.
6. The Committee continued its collaboration with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) on matters related to National Legislation under Article 9 of the Convention and Action #50 of the Oslo Action Plan in support of States Parties and in accordance with the Committee's mandate.
7. On 6 May 2021, the Committee hosted two online workshops to raise awareness on the importance of Article 9 implementation for the 51 States Parties that have not yet reported on the implementation of Article 9. Several organizations were also invited to highlight where assistance

can be obtained and the opportunity was given to relevant States Parties to provide updates on their national situations.

8. During the 22-24 June 2021 Intersessional Meetings, the Committee organised a panel discussion to explore challenges facing the Convention and to explore partnerships with organisations to further support States Parties in their effort to implement the Convention, including international and regional organisations.
9. In the lead up the Nineteenth Meeting of the States Parties (19MSP), the Committee sent a communication to States Parties implementing commitments of the Convention which have not submitted Article 7 reports in one or more years.

## **II. Priorities for Implementation**

10. The Committee will continue prioritising its dialogue with States Parties that have confirmed or allegations of use of mines in territories under their jurisdiction or control.
11. The Committee will continue encouraging States Parties to submit Article 7 reports in 2022 and in doing so encourage States Parties to include information on the measure in place to ensure that the different needs and perspectives of women, girls, boys, and men are considered and inform all areas of Convention implementation and mine action programmes.
12. Further to the above, and in accordance with its mandate, the Committee will work with States Parties to address all matters under Article 1.2 in cases where a State Party has not submitted an Article 7 report detailing progress in implementing relevant obligations each year.
13. The Committee will prioritise efforts on making progress in the implementation of Article 9 and strengthen its partnership with the ICRC and Inter-Parliamentary Union in this regard.
14. The Committee will continue its interactions with civil society on compliance challenges faced by the Convention.