

**ICBL comments on Eritrea's violation**

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Thank you, President,

As others, the ICBL remains extremely concerned by the ongoing violation of the treaty by Eritrea following its failure to present request for deadline extension in December 2020.

We are further greatly disappointed by Eritrea's lack of re-engagement and its absence at the meeting today, despite the prolonged and extensive outreach carried out by the Presidency, the Committee, and all the States Parties and partners.

At this point, we believe States Parties should take a decision at this MSP to invoke Article 8 and implement the steps foreseen by Article 8.2 of the convention, without further delay.

Thank you.