



Informal Discussion:

Article 7 Transparency Reports and the Oslo Action Plan

Virtual

(Link and login information to be provided)

Thursday, 10 March, 1300 - 1500

Concept Note

Background

At the 2019 Fourth Review Conference, the States Parties adopted the Oslo Action Plan (OAP) which “details the actions States Parties will take during the period of 2020–2024 to support implementation of the Convention”. In order to monitor progress in implementing the OAP, the OAP contains indicators for each of its 50 Actions. Furthermore, as specified in the OAP, a baseline value for all indicators was established based on the data reported in Article 7 reports submitted in 2020 and has been used to measure progress since the Fourth Review Conference.

In 2022, the States Parties will arrive at the midway point of implementation of the OAP, which provides an opportunity to review the progress made, look at challenges in implementation and strengthen implementation efforts. Critical to this effort is the submission by States Parties of their annual Article 7 Transparency Reports containing detailed information on progress and challenges that respond to the indicators of the OAP by the **30 April 2022** deadline.

The President and the Convention’s thematic Committees will use the opportunity of this informal discussion to share relevant information concerning the areas in which the Committees intend to focus their work on in 2022. The Informal Discussion will also provide an opportunity for the Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance to present the Online Reporting Tool developed for the use of States Parties with the aim of facilitating their reporting efforts.

Objective

The objectives of this informal meeting are to:

- Raise awareness of the Oslo Action Plan and encourage the importance of submission of Article 7 Reports by 30 April 2022;

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- Raise awareness of the importance of ensuring the inclusion of detailed quantitative and qualitative information on implementation of the Convention and the OAP;
- Raise awareness of the tools and support available to the States Parties in developing their reports including the introduction of an online tool;
- Provide information to representatives of States Parties on the work of the President and the Committees in 2022;
- Provide an opportunity for States Parties to pose questions concerning challenges faced in reporting and any other matter concerning the work of the Convention in 2022.

Format

During this event, H.E. Alicia Victoria Arango Olmos, Permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations in Geneva, President of the Twentieth Meeting of the States Parties (20MSP), will open the meeting.

The President's presentation will be followed by remarks from the Convention's Committees; Algeria (Chair of the Committee on Victim Assistance), Japan (Chair of the Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance), Belgium (Chair of the Committee on Article 5 Implementation) and the Committee of Cooperative Compliance concerning the Oslo Action Plan and their work with the States Parties over the course of 2022. A representative of the gender focal points will also offer remarks concerning reporting in 2022.

Following presentations from the panellists, participants will have the opportunity to address questions to the Committees. The floor will then be open for discussion between participants and panellist.

Speakers

- President of the Twentieth Meeting of the States Parties and Chair of the Committee on Cooperative compliance.
- Chair of the Victim Assistance Committee.
- Chair of the Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance.
- Chair of the Committee on Article 5 Implementation.
- Gender Focal Point.
- The Implementation Support Unit.