



Twenty-First Meeting of the States Parties
20 to 24 November 2023, Geneva

Article 7 Transparency Reports and the Oslo Action Plan

Online Workshop

Thursday 9 March 2023, 1330-1430 CET

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.

As highlighted in the OAP, the information submitted in the States Parties’ annual Article 7 reports serves as the main source of data to assess progress. Members of the Coordinating Committee and the President are responsible for measuring progress within their mandates, with the support of the Implementation Support Unit (ISU).

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 progress will now be compared to this baseline. This baseline was officially presented to the Eighteenth Meeting of the States Parties (18MSP).

With only two years remaining in the implementation of the OAP, it is more important than ever to ensure continued improvement in implementation towards the Fifth Review Conference in 2024. To support this effort, the President and the Convention’s Committees will again this year work with States Parties to build upon the established baseline with information submitted by States Parties in their 2022 Article 7 transparency reports due on **30 April 2023**.

In this regard, the President invites National Directors and representatives of States Parties to a workshop aimed at supporting States Parties with their reporting obligations. The President, Committees and a representative of the gender focal points will offer a short intervention concerning some key matters related to upcoming Article 7 reports. Subsequently, the ISU will present the tools available for States Parties to support their efforts and address any question participants may have concerning their reporting commitments.

Objective

The objectives of this workshop are to:

- Provide information on the work of the President and the Committees in 2023;

- Raise awareness of the tools and support available to States Parties in fulfilling their reporting obligations;
- Provide an opportunity for States Parties to pose questions and share challenges faced in reporting and any other matter concerning the work of the Convention in 2023.

Format

The workshop will be opened by the President of the Twenty-First Meeting of the States Parties (21MSP).

The President's opening remarks will be followed by short interventions from the Chairs of the Committee and a representative of the gender focal points:

- Committee on Article 5 Implementation: Colombia, France (Chair), Iraq and Sweden
- Committee on Victim Assistance: Italy, Slovenia, Uganda (Chair) and Zambia
- Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance: Algeria, Japan, Netherlands, and Thailand (Chair)
- Committee on Cooperative Compliance: Germany (Chair), Norway, South Africa, Switzerland, and Türkiye
- Gender Focal Point representative

Following these short intervention, the ISU will present the tools available to support the States Parties in fulfilling their reporting commitments.

The floor will then be open for any questions or interventions.

Speakers

- President of the Twenty-First Meeting of the States Parties (3 minutes)
- Committee on Article 5 Implementation (3 minutes)
- Committee on Victim Assistance (3 minutes)
- Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance (3 minutes)
- Committee on Cooperative Compliance (3 minutes)
- Gender Focal Point (3 minutes)

Background documents

- The [Convention](#) on the prohibition of the use, stockpiling, production and transfer of anti-personnel mines and on their destruction.
- [Guide to Reporting](#)
- [The Oslo Action Plan](#)