

Intervention on behalf of the Committee of Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance

- As the Chair of the Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance for 2023, Algeria has the pleasure to work together with Denmark, Japan and Türkiye.
- The Committee was established in order to assist and support the States Parties to effectively implement Article 6 the cooperation and assistance, as ending the suffering and casualties caused by anti-personnel mines is a shared commitment.
- Cooperation and assistance have always been one of the main commitments of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention. In fact, without Cooperation and Assistance a number of State would not have reached their completion goals. The Oslo Action Plan was clear that while each State Party is responsible for implementing the provisions of the Convention in areas under its jurisdiction or control, the States Parties stress that enhanced cooperation can support implementation of Convention obligations as soon as possible. This includes sharing lessons learned and best practices.
- In this regard, the President of the Nineteenth Meeting of States Parties, the Netherlands, establishing the informal Cooperation and Assistance Fund with the aim of “explore opportunities for cooperation”, including “cooperation between affected States Parties or South-to-South, with a view to voluntary sharing of best practices and lesson learned.” In line with Action 47 of the Oslo Action Plan.
- At present we are working on the initial pilot study visit and we look forward to sharing with you the results of this visit. The fund will provide an opportunity for State Parties to apply for financial support to assist in the sharing of best practices and lessons learnt through study visits or sponsoring of experts to third countries.
- In this connection, as the CAF is funded through voluntary contributions, we wish to call upon those States and organizations that are in the position to do so to contribute to this Fund. Please contact ISU for further information on how you could make a contribution to the Fund.
- Thank you.