

Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention

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Australia – Compliance

Agenda Item 9: Consideration of the general status and operation of the Convention; d) Preventing and suppressing prohibited activities and facilitating compliance: Conclusions and recommendations related to the mandate of the Committee on Cooperative Compliance (3 mins so approx. 360 words)

President,

Allow me to begin by thanking the Chairs of the Committee on Cooperative Compliance for their work during the past year and for their conclusions and recommendations.

Compliance with the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention is essential to transform the treaty's humanitarian goals into tangible outcomes. Compliance is also critical to reinforcing the norm against anti-personnel mine use.

By prohibiting the use, production, and transfer of anti-personnel mines, states reinforce their commitment to IHL by reducing the suffering caused by the use of these weapons. Compliance ensures mine clearance operations can proceed effectively, restoring access to land and infrastructure essential for community recovery and development. It also guides the implementation of victim assistance programs, supporting rehabilitation and social inclusion for survivors.

As a committed State Party to the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention, Australia supports its full implementation and universalisation. We remain deeply concerned by reported injuries from anti-personnel landmines. We encourage all states to comply fully with the provisions of the Treaty.

Article 8 of the Convention contains detailed processes to manage questions of compliance. We encourage any States Party with compliance concerns to resolve issues peacefully through these processes established under the Convention, as well as by working through any challenges with the Committee on Cooperative Compliance.

Australia stands ready to support the Committee on Cooperative Compliance and States Parties in this goal.

Thank you, President

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