

## **Activities and Priorities for Implementation 2025-2026**

### **Committee on Cooperative Compliance**

**(Belgium, Cambodia, Germany, Japan (Chair), Peru)**

#### **I. Activities of the Committee**

1. The initial meeting of the Committee took place on 17 January 2025 to begin the Committee's work of engaging in a cooperative dialogue with States Parties and begin addressing matters related to the mandate of the Committee. In line with its working methods, the Committee selected Belgium as the Committee's gender focal point.
2. On 17 March 2025, the Committee sent a letter to all States Parties to recall the importance of reporting to ensure compliance with the obligations of the Convention, remind them to adhere to the 30 April annual reporting deadline, and encourage the use of available tools to facilitate reporting, such as the online reporting format.
3. On 26 March 2025, the Committee, joined by the other Committees of the Convention, convened an online workshop for States Parties and States not party on reporting under Article 7 and the Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan 2025-2029 (SRAAP). The workshop had the objective of encouraging reporting in line with the Guide to Reporting, raising awareness of available tools, in particular the online reporting tool, and providing a space for States Parties to share challenges. The workshop included interventions by the Chairs of each Committee and a representative of the gender focal points as well as the Implementation Support Unit (ISU).
4. In line with the mandate of the Committee and Action 48 of the SRAAP which requests States Parties that have not fulfilled their obligations under Article 9 of the Convention to urgently take all appropriate legal, administrative, and other measures to implement those obligations and report on the measures taken as soon as possible and no later than the Twenty-Second Meeting of the States Parties (2025), the Committee continued its dialogue with a number of States Parties concerning their reporting efforts in line with Article 9. This included transmitting a communication to all States Parties with outstanding Article 9 obligations on 31 March 2025 to request information on progress in meeting their Article 9 commitments. On 4 June 2025, the Committee sent letters to three States Parties with outstanding commitments under Article 9 that had submitted information to the Committee regarding their national legislation. The Committee further engaged with States Parties that communicated information on their efforts to implement their Article 9 obligations.
5. The Committee engaged with Ukraine concerning the alleged use of anti-personnel mines by its Armed Forces and the potential transfer of anti-personnel mines to Ukraine. This included meetings with the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations in Geneva on 18 February 2025 and 26 May 2025, and a meeting with the delegation of Ukraine on the margins of the Intersessional Meetings on 18 June 2025. The Committee also had a meeting with Human Rights Watch (HRW) and the International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL) in relation to the matters mentioned above on 18 June 2025.

6. At the 17 – 20 June 2025 Intersessional Meetings, the Committee submitted its preliminary observations on the status of implementation of the compliance measures of the Convention and the Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan 2025-2029.
7. Following initial allegations by Thailand concerning use of anti-personnel by Cambodia on 23 July 2025, the Committee engaged with Cambodia and Thailand to further understand the situation and to, in line with the Committee's purpose, *assist the States Parties in acting upon their commitment under Article 8.1 of the Convention to work together in a spirit of cooperation to facilitate compliance in a supportive and amicable manner*. In this regard the Committee met with Permanent Representatives of both countries to the United Nations in Geneva separately on 20 July 2025 and 22 August 2025 and is continuing its engagement with both sides.
8. In the lead up to the Twenty-Second Meeting of the States Parties (22MSP), the Committee sent a communication to all States Parties implementing obligations of the Convention which have not submitted Article 7 reports in one or more years and have outstanding obligations under Article 5, Article 4 and retain anti-personnel mines under Article 3.

## **II. Priorities for Implementation**

9. The Committee will continue prioritising its cooperative dialogue with States Parties to assist them in acting upon their commitment under Article 8.1 of the Convention to work together in a spirit of cooperation to facilitate compliance in a supportive and amicable manner, and to ensure the implementation of the Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan (SRAAP) in this regard. In particular, the Committee will work with States Parties and encourage them to, in accordance with Action 46 of the SRAAP, in the event of alleged or known non-compliance with the general obligations under Article 1, undertake all necessary measures to investigate and address alleged or known non-compliance with Article 1, as well as measures taken to prevent any further instances of non-compliance, where relevant, and to provide information on the situation to all States Parties in the most expeditious, comprehensive and transparent manner possible, and work with other States Parties in a spirit of cooperation to resolve the matter in an expeditious and effective manner, in accordance with Article 8.1.
10. In accordance with Action 47 of the SRAAP and the mandate of the Committee to address all matters under Article 1.2 in cases where a State Party has not submitted an Article 7 Report detailing progress in implementing relevant obligations each year, the Committee will continue encouraging States Parties to submit outstanding Article 7 reports and, in doing so, encourage them to include information on the measures in place to ensure that the different needs and perspectives of women, girls, boys and men are considered, and inform all areas of Convention implementation and mine action programmes.
11. In line with Action 48 of the SRAAP, the Committee will continue to engage with States Parties that have not communicated having adopted appropriate legal, administrative and other measures in the context of Article 9 obligations, or consider existing measures to be sufficient, to make progress in the implementation of Article 9.
12. In implementing its mandate, the Committee will continue its interactions with civil society and international organizations.