

**NPA Statement on Agenda Item 6: Matters related to the mandate of the Committee on
Cooperative Compliance
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Thank you, Madame President,

States Parties to this Convention have committed themselves to do their utmost to finally end the casualties and suffering caused by anti-personnel mines. The only way this can be achieved is that these inhumane weapons are never used again, by anyone, under any circumstances. This requires the Convention to be universally applied and fully complied with.

NPA appreciates the update presented by Ukraine on its investigation concerning the use of anti-personnel mines and compliance with Article 1 of the Convention. While the investigation is still ongoing, we encourage continued, detailed reports on further developments in the investigation and the outcome of this process. We also call for greater transparency regarding the status of the transfer of anti-personnel mines by the United States. The Convention speaks clearly - there are no exceptions to the absolute prohibition on the use, production, stockpiling, retention, or transfer of anti-personnel mines. It is therefore imperative that Ukraine remains committed to the Convention and fulfills its legal obligations in full.

We note with grave concern the developments in the world today of increased use of anti-personnel mines including those of an improvised nature. This increased use has also led to a growing number of casualties. We strongly condemn the use of anti-personnel mines by non-States parties – Myanmar, Russia, North Korea and by Non-State Armed Groups.

We strongly condemn the illegal Russian invasion and stand in full solidarity with the people of Ukraine. Ukraine has become one of the world's most contaminated countries - it will take decades to clear its land - and NPA stands ready to support Ukraine in addressing this challenging task. Anti-personnel mines are claiming lives and limbs of Ukrainian civilians, including children. As Human Rights Watch reported this week, these weapons are used by Russia against civilians in a new, utterly inhumane manner. This only underscores that these weapons must be eradicated once and for all. The Convention provides the framework to achieve this to prevent further harm and suffering.

Let us be reminded that the responsibility to implement this treaty lies with all States Parties. The Convention is a cornerstone of international humanitarian law and requires that principled compliance with all its articles is ensured without exception.

Thank you.