

## **9MSP-CCM**

# **INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE REPORT NETHERLANDS AND PERU**

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Thank you Mr. President for giving us the floor.

Excellencies,  
Distinguished colleagues,

The Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Republic of Peru, as Coordinators on International Cooperation and Assistance for the Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM) for the period 2018-2019, have the honor to deliver this report summarizing the key developments since the 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of States Parties to enhancing International Cooperation and Assistance under this Convention.

As Coordinators we have worked to facilitate implementation of Article 6 of the Convention and Actions 5.1 to 5.7 of the Dubrovnik Action Plan, in which States Parties commit to strengthen partnerships at all levels, communicate challenges and seek assistance, present evidence-based needs for better results, take ownership, respond constructively to requests for assistance, make use of existing tools, promote cost efficiency and effectiveness, as well as enhance implementation support.

Key points from this year, based on information provided in 2018 Article 7 transparency reports, include the following:

- (a) Nine States Parties requested specific assistance to fulfil obligations under Articles 3 and 4;
- (b) Seven States Parties requested assistance to fulfil obligations under Article 5;
- (c) One State Party requested support to define the real scope of contamination by cluster munition remnants;
- (d) Five States Parties specifically requested assistance to provide risk reduction education;
- (e) Twenty-two States Parties reported to have provided assistance to States with obligations;
- (f) Twelve States Parties reported to have received assistance from other States Parties and/or stakeholder organizations;
- (g) Thirteen States Parties with obligations under the Convention reported having allocated national resources to fulfil these obligations, and
- (h) One Country Coalitions event was held in March, and other one will take place tomorrow.

In 2019, unlike previous years, much time we spent as Coordinators on the development of a methodology for the analysis of Article 3 and 4 extension requests as mandated by the 8MSP, as well as on the actual analysis of the first three extension requests.

As Coordinators we have also invested time in hosting informal meetings with States Parties with challenges and potential needs for assistance in fulfilling Convention obligations. A special focus was placed on those delegations with upcoming deadlines under Article 3 and 4 of the Convention. In that context, it is worth noting that we have put one State Party in contact with an international organization dealing with victim assistance.

The Country Coalitions concept has remained at the focus of our work. We participated in an informal roundtable discussion on this initiative, hosted in March by the ISU with generous financial contribution from Canada, and moderated by Sri Lanka, President of the 9MSP.

Furthermore, as a result of the numerous bilateral meetings during the year, Lao People's Democratic Republic (Lao PDR), expressed interest to learn more about the Country Coalitions concept and its possible benefits to meet its treaty obligations under article 4 of the Convention. Therefore, in the margins of this MSP, tomorrow to be more precise, we are organizing as Coordinators an informal dialogue to provide Lao PDR with a better understanding of the concept with a view of informing that decision-making on this matter. This discussion will benefit from the participation of donor States, operators, international agencies and other experts, specially invited for this occasion.

Finally, as Coordinators we encourage all States Parties with needs for assistance in fulfilling Convention obligations to provide their Article 7 reports in a timely manner and to report in as much detail as possible on their challenges. Article 7 reports continue to be a critical resource used by the Coordinators on International Cooperation and Assistance to bring States Parties with needs together with potential States Parties and civil society partners who may be able to help meet those needs.

I thank you for your attention.