

**CCM THEMATIC COORDINATIONSHIP ON NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION MEASURES**  
**WORK PLAN 2023 – 2024**  
**IRAQ**

***Enhancing implementation of Actions 47 & 48 of the Lausanne Action Plan***

**Background to Work Plan Context**

**1. Article 9 – National Implementing Measures**

Article 9 requires each State Party to take all legal, administrative, and other measures to implement the Convention. This includes the imposition of penal sanctions to prevent and suppress any prohibited activity undertaken by persons or on territory under its jurisdiction or control.

**2. The State Parties Article 7 reports**

As of today (32) of (112) States Parties have enacted specific legislation to implement the Convention, 32 States Parties consider existing laws as sufficient to meet their obligations and (12) States Parties enacted national legislation prohibiting investments in producers of cluster munitions or forms of investment in cluster munitions. (24) States Parties have reported that they are either planning or are in the process of drafting, reviewing, or adopting implementation legislation.

Despite the progress made so far, a significant number of States Parties have not yet shared information about the status of their national implementation of the Convention.

According to the 11MSP Progress Report: Monitoring progress in implementing the Lausanne Action Plan, roughly half of the Convention's membership are either still developing legislative frameworks or have not submitted the required information on the status of their legal frameworks.

We must therefore stress that national implementation is a core obligation of the Convention and essential to ensuring its implementation by armed forces. This could involve training, accountability measures, and the integration of the convention's principles into military doctrines.

**3. The Lausanne Action Plan**

The Lausanne Action Plan notes that not all States Parties have confirmed the adoption of measures consistent with Article 9 and reflects the intention of States to improve progress in this area in a timely manner. Bearing this in mind, States agreed to:

Action 47      Ensure they have appropriate national measures in place to fully implement the Convention, by reviewing, revising and adopting national legal frameworks before the 11th MSP in 2023, or within two years for new States Parties.

This Action also encouraged States to consider enacting national legislation prohibiting investments in producers of cluster munitions and their crucial components.

Action 48      Highlight factors and Challenges that may be preventing progress through Article 7 reports or at Convention meetings, and to request assistance. States would respond to those requests in a timely manner.

#### **4. Objectives**

- I. Those States Parties that have requested assistance to implement their Article 9 obligations receive that assistance in a timely fashion.
- II. States Parties have a greater understanding of their Article 9 obligations, but also the Convention's membership has a greater understanding of and appreciation for the factors faced by some States Parties in ensuring national implementation measures are in place.
- III. Promote an approach, including through existing meetings, to encourage those States about which only incomplete or no information is held with respect to national implementation, to report on this and, if required, request assistance.
- IV. To consider the role of investment prohibitions in Action 47 of the Lausanne Action Plan, given the practical contribution divestment can make to achieving the Convention's goals.
- V. To work closely with the universalisation coordinators, among other coordinators, on the sharing of information relating to national implementation.

#### **5. Actions**

- A. To make initial contact with those delegations that have requested assistance for Article 9 implementation. Further attention to the two new State Parties.
- B. Determine, with colleagues on the Coordination Committee, a list of States that should be targeted as a priority among those States that have not submitted sufficient information on their current legislative framework.
- C. To develop a concept, note or updated factsheet on national implementation of the CCM, that points delegates to existing resources available to assist domestic implementation, and which enhances States' understanding of what national implementation can entail.
- D. Continue promotion of existing tools including model legislation.
- E. Organize a joint meeting with the coordinators on universalization. The primary focus of this meeting will be to discuss when a State might express interest in signing/ratifying the Convention. This joint meeting will provide an opportunity for us to align our strategies and ensure a cohesive approach.
- F. To explore organising a workshop on margins of the Annual meetings. This could be a forum where States can come together to share their experience of factors that impact the national implementation process, or it could be as part of a wider universalisation effort, to ensure that national implementation is being considered as a key constituent part of ratification.
- G. Follow up on all opportunities to promote national implementation measures.
- H. Submitting a working document to the 12MSP.

## **6. Strategy implementers**

- IRAQ – Coordinator on National Implementation Measures
- President and Coordinators on Universalisation and Reporting
- CCM Implementation Support Unit.
- CMC
- ICRC

## **7. Estimated budget**

- Workshop: Iraq \$(1000).
- NGO's (TBC).

## **8. Potential Partners:**

- CMC.
- ICRC.

## **9. Timeline:**

- **Fourth quarter 2023:**
  - Meeting with the ISU and Presidency to discuss priorities.
  - Meeting with partners to get technical assistance.
- **First quarter 2024:**
  - To develop a concept, note or updated factsheet on national implementation of the CCM.
  - Follow up with the delegations that have requested assistance for Article 9 implementation.
  - Organize a joint meeting with the coordinators on universalization.
- **Second quarter 2024:**
  - Submitting a working document to the 12MSP.
  - Organize workshop or side event.
- **Third quarter 2024:**
  - Organize a joint meeting with the coordinators on universalization.
  - Continue promotion of existing tools including model legislation.