

VII. International cooperation and assistance

States Parties with obligations to destroy stockpiles, clear affected areas and assist victims should:

Action #33 Endeavour to, within one year after entry into force for that state party, develop or update comprehensive national plans for meeting all obligations concerning stockpile destruction, clearance and victim assistance, identify resources currently available to meet these obligations and identify needs for international cooperation and assistance.

Action #34 Identify and engage with relevant civil society groups, corporations, international organizations, and other States Parties that may be in a position to assist in addressing these gaps.

Action #35 Identify other affected States Parties as soon as possible and use meetings of the Convention and other bilateral and regional opportunities to exchange of information and technical expertise so as to be able to gain from each other's experience in implementation of the Convention.

Action #36 Promote technical cooperation, information exchange on good practices and other forms of mutual assistance with other affected States Parties to take advantage of the knowledge and expertise acquired in the course of fulfilling their obligations.

States Parties in a position to do so should undertake the following:

Action#37 Respond to requests for assistance to increase clearance, victim assistance and stockpile destruction work by States Parties made at and following the First Meeting of States Parties to ensure that the pace and effectiveness of these activities increases in 2011 and beyond.

Action #38 Promptly assist States Parties that have requested support for implementing their victim assistance, clearance, risk reduction education, and stockpile destruction obligations, respond to their national priorities in these areas, and strive to ensure continuity, predictability and sustainability of resource commitments.

Action#39 Support the cluster munitions related programming being undertaken by civil society actors, United Nations and international organizations.

Action #40 Support cluster munitions programmes by providing funding to facilitate long-term planning for these programmes, under national management and ownership, paying particular attention to the specific needs and circumstances of the least developed States Parties, and ensuring that actions to address the consequences of

cluster munitions remains a high priority, including in broader humanitarian, development assistance, disarmament and security programmes.

Action #41 Support, as appropriate, actions to address cluster munition contamination and victim assistance in areas where non-state actors operate, including by facilitating access for humanitarian organizations.

Action#42 Inform affected States Parties of resources, capacities and programmes available for supporting stockpile destruction, clearance and victim assistance.

All States Parties will:

Action#43 Ensure that the Convention and its informal and formal implementation mechanisms include and provide a specific and effective framework to discuss assistance and international cooperation issues in order to identify needs and mobilize resources as well as to allow other States to present lessons learned and good practices by other States.

Action #44 Strive to ensure that the cluster munitions related activities of the United Nations, national and international non- governmental organizations and other actors, where relevant, are incorporated into national planning frameworks and are consistent with national priorities and international obligations.

Action#45 Promote cooperation amongst all States Parties in order to identify possible areas of support and cooperation such as exchange of information and technical expertise with a view to ensuring the full implementation of the Convention.

Action #46 Initiate and promote bilateral and regional cooperation, including South-South and triangular cooperation, in sharing experience, good practices, resources, technology and expertise to ensure the full implementation of the Convention.

Action #47 Share good practices at meetings of the CCM through their experience in destroying cluster munitions stockpiles, clearing cluster munition remnants and/or providing assistance to victims, especially in response to specific calls for assistance from other States Parties.

Action #48 Exchange views and share experiences in a cooperative and informal manner on practical implementation of the various provisions of the Convention pertaining to international cooperation and assistance.

Action#49 Strengthen the partnerships between affected and non- affected States Parties and among affected States Parties to identify and mobilize new technical, material and financial sources of support for activities to implement the Convention.

Action#50 Ensure that assistance in addressing the consequences of cluster munitions is based on appropriate surveys, needs analysis and cost-effective approaches.