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National Implementation Measures

Operational Obligations

- Operational Obligation under the CCM include:
 - *Storage and stockpile destruction – Art 3*
 - *Mine clearance – Art 4*
 - *National implementation measures – Art 9*
 - *Victim assistance– Art 5*

National Implementation measures

- NZ has been coordinator for National Implementation since 2011
- My presentation will focus on 3 major points:
 1. Why is national implementation so important?
 2. What does the national implementation article require of us?
 3. What tools are available to assist countries wishing to implement the Convention's provisions domestically?

Why is national implementation so important?

- **Defn.** Translation of international obligations into domestic legislation.
- **Why?**
- It is one of the major obligations
- crucial for the credibility
- fundamental to achieve the purpose
- Enables states to review of existing national legislation and practice, including military manuals

What does the national implementation article require of us?

- Art. 9 is not prescriptive
- Explained in **Dubrovnik Action Plan:**
 1. Enact national legislation to implement the CCM
 2. Highlight challenges and request assistance
 3. Raise awareness of national implementation measures

What tools are available?

- Many tools have been developed to assist countries:
 1. comprehensive model legislation developed by the ICRC and aimed in the main at common law countries
 2. NZ simplified model legislation – focus on our region
 3. A legislative tool – more relevant for African States

Thank You!