



Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

Afghanistan's updates on National Implementation Measures
Article 9 of the Conventions

5th Meeting of States Parties

To

Convention on Cluster Munitions

Costa Rica

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Excellencies,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

For implementation of the Article 9 of the Antipersonnel Mine Ban Convention and Convention on Cluster Munitions, we have already drafted a law as an addendum to the an existing law banning the use, acquisition, trading and stockpiling of weapons, ammunition and explosive items without the required legal license. This law is being reviewed at the Ministry of Justice and we have had several meetings with them about it. The last meeting we had with the Legislation Institute of the Ministry of Justice was held on 27 August 2014 and during the meeting I came to know they have already started reviewing it. In one of the recent Cabinet meetings, H.E 1st Vice President has issued a special instruction to the Minister of Justice to process this law as soon as possible. It is worth mentioning that a few weeks back, I met with H.E 1st Vice President and discussed about mine action issues including the mine action regulations. During our last meeting with the Ministry of Justice, they promised to finalize this law within three coming months.

On 9th of September 2014, the Department of Mine Clearance and MACCA will host a delegation from Legislation Department of the Ministry of Justice on their own request at our office for a briefing and further discussion about this mine action regulations.

I thank you,