

**STATEMENT BY BULGARIA ON NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION MEASURES
CCM INTERSESIONAL MEETING**

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I have the pleasure to inform that in accordance with article 9 of the CCM and under action 63 of the Vientiane Action Plan, on 31 January 2012 an interim National Authority to coordinate compliance and implementation of Bulgaria's obligations stemming from the Convention was established in an Inter-Ministerial Working Group format chaired by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The Working Group includes also representatives of the Ministry of Defense, Ministry of Interior and Ministry of Economy, Energy and Tourism.

Bulgaria has reported already that its implementation legislation has been enacted and finds it adequate to the provisions of the CCM. Nevertheless, regarding the status of national implementation legislation, besides the Law on the ratification of the Convention that was promulgated in the State Gazette, which is the usual legal practice stemming from the Bulgarian Constitution, a special Law on the implementation of the Convention on Cluster Munitions and possibly the Mine Ban Treaty and the CCW Protocol V on explosives remnants of war is currently under consideration.

By adopting a special Law and specific penal sanctions to prevent and suppress any activity prohibited by these Conventions the existing relevant legislation will be further strengthened and enhanced. Furthermore, the adoption of such a Law will be a precedent in the Bulgarian practice for implementation of legal instruments in the area of the International Humanitarian Law.