



Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

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

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Excellencies,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Afghanistan has long time back drafted a law as an instrument for the implementation of Article 9 of the Antipersonnel Mine Ban Convention and Convention on Cluster Munitions. This will supplement an existing law banning the use, acquisition, trading and stockpiling of weapons, ammunition and explosive items without the required legal license. This new law relates specifically to the provisions of the Convention on Cluster Munitions and Ottawa Treaty. The Ministry of Justice has already reviewed this draft and advised that it should be made available as an annex to the existing law than processing it as a new law. Given its importance, His Excellency, the Second Vice President Mohammad Karim Khalili, has issued a special order to the Ministry of Justice to finalize its review as soon as possible. Based on advice from the Ministry of Justice, a technical committee forming of the Ministry of Defense, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Justice, National Directorate of Security, Department of Mine Clearance of the National Disaster Management Authority, the Mine Action Coordination Centre of Afghanistan (MACCA) and the Implementing Partners jointly reviewed the draft and agreed with its contents.

Following its joint review, it was resent to the Ministry of Justice for further process. During the development and review process of the legislation, we have learnt a lesson that I would like to share with you:

- Involving security sector ministries such as MoD, MoI and National Directorate of Security in the process of developing the legislation helps promote the feeling of ownership and provide an opportunity for them to read the contents and get an in depth understanding of the provisions of the conventions