

GENDER MAINSTREAMING IN THE CONVENTION ON CLUSTER MUNITIONS

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. BACKGROUND

At the Second Review Conference of the Convention on Cluster Munitions which was concluded in September 2021, States Parties decided that the Coordinators on General Status and Operation would act as the focal points of the Convention to provide advice on gender mainstreaming and to ensure that matters related to gender and the diverse needs and experiences of people in affected communities are taken into account in the implementation of the Lausanne Action Plan (LAP), in cooperation with the other thematic Coordinators.

With the support of all States Parties to this Convention, the Gender Focal Points will facilitate systematic action and report on the mainstreaming of gender and the diversity of populations, support the work of the Coordination Committee and foster synergies with other conventions and policy frameworks.

The scope of the work of the Gender Focal Points will be to support by the States Parties, the Presidency and the ISU in the implementation of gender mainstreaming and the diversity of populations in the CCM.

2. PURPOSE

The TOR will provide guidance to the CCM Gender Focal Points on how to best to undertake their mandate to promote inclusive and effective action through mainstreaming of gender and the diversity of populations within the Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM).

When taking up the role as the Coordinators on General Status and Operation in the Coordination Committee, States Parties should consider from the outset, their role as a Focal Points on gender mainstreaming. This might also include undertaking relevant training or study which may be of use in fulfilling this role.

3. PARTICIPANTS

These activities will be undertaken by representatives from the General Status and Operation Coordinators supported by the ISU.

4. CONSULTATIONS

The Group will consult a broad range of stakeholders in developing its deliverables, including but not limited to representatives from the national authorities of affected states, donor governments, and representatives from external organisations with relevance to the work of the Gender Focal Points.

5. TERM

Once approved by the Tenth Meeting of States Parties (10MSP) these Terms of Reference will be effective until they are amended by another Meeting of States Parties or by the Third Review Conference.

6. MEETINGS

The Gender Focal Points will hold quarterly meetings, with any additional meetings held as necessary.

8. ACTIVITIES

In accordance with the LAP, the CCM Gender Focal Points will work on the following activities:

- a) Assess the extent to which gender and the diversity of populations have been addressed in the reports submitted by States Parties.
- b) Request additional information in bilateral engagements with identified states if insufficient information is reported voluntarily on gender mainstreaming.
- c) Provide advice and support in a cooperative manner to States Parties on the fulfilment of the gender-related targets set out in the Lausanne Action Plan. They may consult with gender experts in their own governments, the United Nations, international organizations and civil society to come up with tailored recommendations, as required.
- d) Prepare and submit to the States Parties in advance of Meetings of the States Parties an analysis of the information reported on and summarize trends with regards to gender mainstreaming. Committees will also provide a summary of this analysis and any recommendations during each section of the plenary meeting relevant for their area of work.
- e) Organize side meetings or plenary sessions at intersessional meetings and Meetings of the States Parties to facilitate discussion and an exchange of information among States Parties on progress and challenges to implement gender and of the diversity of populations.

- f) Support regional or national dialogues on integrating a gender perspective in the implementation of the treaty.
- g) Working to establish a structure to ensure that gender issues are maintained within the Convention after the termination of the 3rd Review Conference.
- h) Organize a gender side event or other events as relevant for States Parties at each Meeting of States Parties.

The Gender Focal Points will organise their work as best suited for the States Parties and share information on progress and planned activities with the Presidency and the Coordination Committees at the meetings of the Coordination Committee.

9. AMENDMENT, MODIFICATION, VARIATION

This Terms of Reference may be amended, varied or modified in writing after consultation and agreement by the States Parties at a Meeting of States Parties or by the Third Review Conference.