

Overview of the Convention on Cluster Munitions



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WHY THE CCM?



International concern about the humanitarian effects of cluster munitions, particularly following their use in **Afghanistan, Chechnya, Iraq, Kosovo, Lebanon, Libya and most recently in Syria and Yemen.**

❖ Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro and Serbia

Why do cluster munitions cause ‘**unacceptable harm**’ to civilians:

❖ Their **wide-area effect** means an increased likelihood of civilian victims

❖ Their **high failure rate** means that hundreds of bomblets become lethal devices

❖ Significant adverse **socio-economic consequences**

The CCM in brief



- ✓ **The Oslo Process** : Norwegian Initiative of Feb. 2007
- ✓ **ADOPTED** in May 2008 and opened for signature in December 2008
- ✓ Entered into force on **1 AUGUST 2010** when the Convention became binding international law
- ✓ The Convention prohibits all use, production, stockpiling and transfer of cluster munitions
- ✓ Total of **119** States have committed to the Convention, **101** as States Parties and **18** as signatories
- ✓ **8 key operative Articles**

KEY OPERATIVE OBLIGATIONS



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✓ *Never use, produce, stockpile or transfer cluster munitions*



✓ *Destroy existing stockpiles*



✓ *Clear contaminated land*

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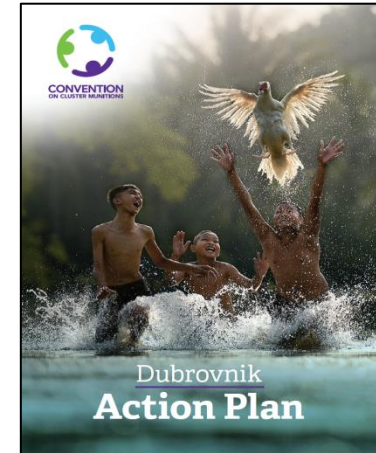
- ✓ *Assist victims*
- ✓ *Provide technical, material and financial assistance to other States Parties*
- ✓ *Undertake transparency measures*
- ✓ *Adopt national implementation measures (imposition of penal sanctions)*
- ✓ *Promote universal adherence to the Convention/Compliance*



CCM IMPLEMENTATION ROADMAP TO 2020

DUBROVNIK ACTION PLAN:

- **Action 1** - Universalization
- **Action 2** - Stockpile Destruction
- **Action 3** - Clearance and Risk Reduction Education
- **Action 4** - Victim Assistance
- **Action 5** - International Cooperation and Assistance
- **Action 6** – Transparency Reporting
- **Action 7** – National Implementation Measures



CCM ARTICLE 3 OBLIGATIONS



- ✓ *Separate all CM under its jurisdiction and control from munitions retained for training and mark them for destruction;*
- ✓ *Undertake to destroy or ensure all destruction of CM ASAP but not later than **8 years**;*
- ✓ *The retained explosive submunitions for CM detection, clearance or destruction shall not exceed the minimum number absolutely necessary for these purposes.*



DAP Action 2 – Stockpile Destruction

- ✓ Develop a resourced plan – *completion date, national resources, international support*
- ✓ Increase exchanges of promising practices – *by SPs that have completed*
- ✓ Apply an appropriate approach to retention – *report regularly*
- ✓ Announce declaration of compliance on stockpile destruction
- ✓ Act upon unexpected developments

CCM ARTICLE 4 OBLIGATIONS

- ✓ *Clear contaminated areas within 10 years*
- ✓ *Upon fulfilling that State Party shall make a declaration of compliance to the next Meeting of States Parties;*
- ✓ *Survey, assess and record the threat posed by cluster munition remnants, making every effort to identify all cluster munition contaminated areas under its jurisdiction or control;*



DAP Action 3- Clearance & Risk Reduction Education

- ✓ Assess the extent of the problem
- ✓ Protect people from harm
- ✓ Develop a resourced plan – within a year of the 1RC
- ✓ Be inclusive when developing the response
- ✓ Manage information for analysis, decision making and reporting
- ✓ Provide support, assist and cooperate
- ✓ Apply practice development
- ✓ Promote and expand cooperation



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CONVENTION STATUS BY OBLIGATION

STOCKPILE DESTRUCTION

10 States

1. Botswana (2019)
2. **Bulgaria (2019)**
3. **Croatia (2018)**
4. Cuba (2024)
5. Guinea Bissau (2019)
6. Peru (2021)
7. Slovakia (2024)
8. South Africa (2023)
9. Spain (2018)
10. Switzerland (2020)

CLEARANCE

10 States

1. Afghanistan (2022)
2. **Bosnia & Herzegovina (2021)**
3. Chad (2023)
4. Chile (2021)
5. **Croatia (2020)**
6. Germany (2020)
7. Iraq (2023)
8. Lao PDR (2020)
9. Lebanon (2021)
10. **Montenegro (2020)**

VICTIM ASSISTANCE

11 States

1. Afghanistan
2. **Albania**
3. **Bosnia & Herzegovina**
4. Chad
5. **Croatia**
6. Guinea Bissau
7. Iraq
8. Lao PDR
9. Lebanon
10. **Montenegro**
11. Sierra Leone

CCM IMPLEMENTATION ACHIEVEMENTS



- ✓ Total of **101** States parties and **18** Signatories
 - **34** Europe; **30** Africa; **24** Americas; **7** Pacific; **3** Middle East; **3** Asia

- ✓ **Central America** is the first cluster munitions-free sub-region

- ✓ **29** States Parties have reported the completion of **stockpile destruction** (Art. 3)

- ✓ **6** States Parties have completed their obligations on **clearance and destruction** of cluster munition remnants (Art. 4)

- ✓ **9 of 11** States Parties reported to have obligations on **victim assistance** (Art. 5) are taking the prescribed steps

- ✓ **48** States have implemented requisite measures under **National Implementation measures** (Art.9)

IMPLEMENTATION CHALLENGES



- 1. Inadequate resources** – *financial, technical, legal, material*
- 2. Low Reporting** – *qualitative, quantitative*
- 3. Need for enhanced cooperation** – *bilateral, multilateral, regional and global levels*
- 4. Limited Access** – *local terrain*
- 5. Operational** – *appropriate methodologies*

Implement all by 2030?

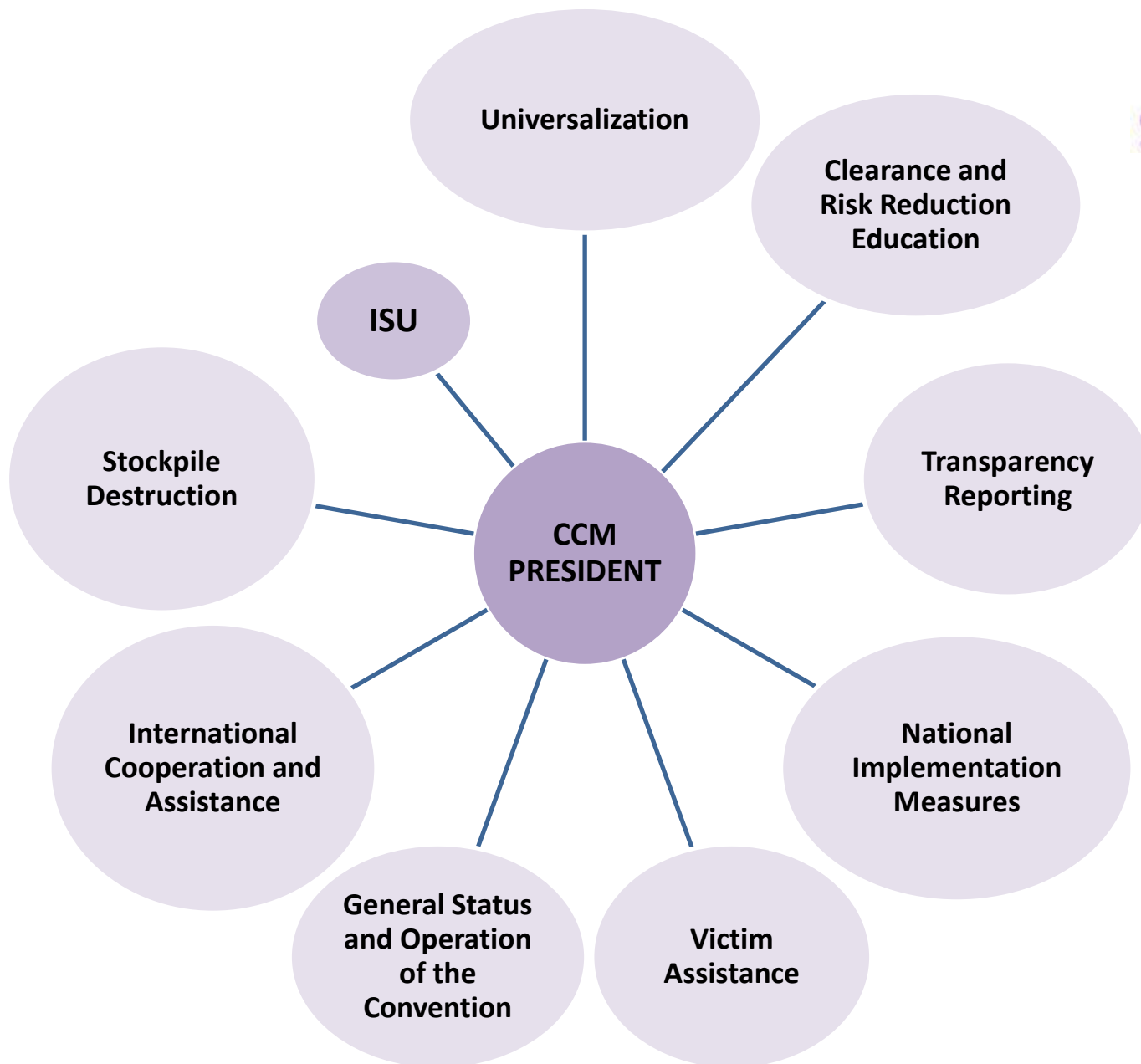


- ✓ **Achievable – with current SPs**
 - Many contaminated States still not party
- ✓ **Enabling environment**
 - ✓ Enhanced partnerships
 - ✓ Political Will
 - ✓ Use of appropriate methodologies; NTS,TS,LR
 - ✓ Resource Prioritization
- ✓ **Preventive mode**

COORDINATION COMMITTEE



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Role of the ISU



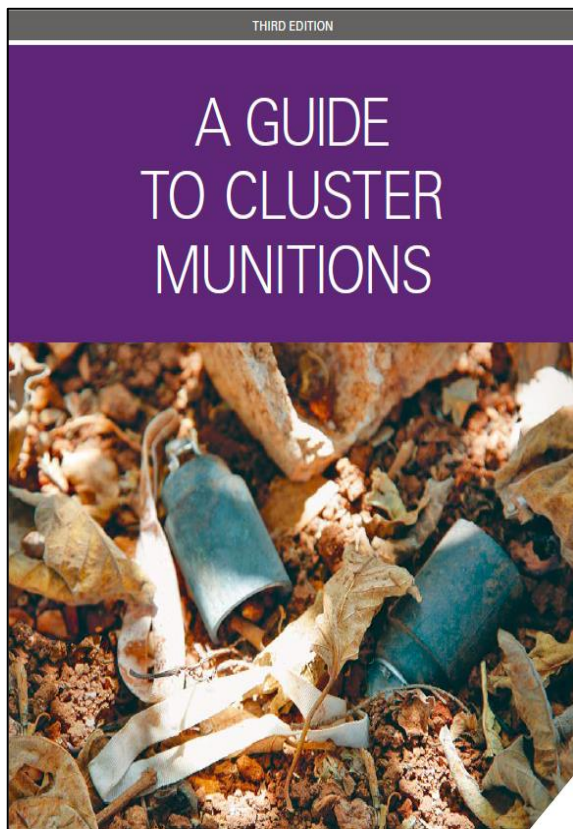
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Provide support to States Parties on the implementation of the CCM

- ✓ **Support to States Parties** through the Convention's machinery;
- ✓ **Providing advice and technical support**
- ✓ **Record Keeping**
- ✓ **Facilitating communication** amongst States Parties and other relevant actors, cooperate and coordinate amongst these;
- ✓ **Maintaining public relations** - to promote universalization;
- ✓ **Interface** between the States Parties and the international community on issues related to the implementation of the CCM



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