



QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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Highlights

(1st October – 31st December)

UNGA Resolution on the “Implementation of the Convention on Cluster Munitions”

The United Nations General Assembly voted in early December on the annual [UN resolution on the implementation of the Convention on Cluster Munitions](#) (CCM) which was adopted with a vote of **142 in favor, 2 against, and 36 abstentions**.

Informal meetings on International Cooperation and Assistance (CCM Article 6)

The Coordinators on International Cooperation and Assistance (Australia and Peru) organized an informal meeting in the margins of the Meeting of High Contracting Parties to the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW) on 24 November, convening **CCM States Parties that have requested for international cooperation and assistance** to complete one or more obligations under the CCM. The main purpose of the meeting was to hear and receive from the participating States information on the key challenges they are facing and what the priority needs are in terms of assistance in overcoming those challenges. A summary of key points raised, along with more detailed proceedings of the meeting can be found on the [CCM website](#).

Australia and Peru also hosted a follow-up closed and informal meeting of **CCM States Parties that reported to have provided international cooperation and assistance** under the Convention in their 2016 Article 7 transparency reports. The meeting took place on 20 December in Vienna in the margins of the 16th Meeting of States Parties to the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention.

Balkan regional workshop on cluster munition survey and clearance (CCM Article 4)



The Balkans workshop on the **implementation of Article 4 of the CCM** took place in Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, on 8-10 November. Norway, former CCM Coordinator on Clearance and Risk Reduction Education, along with one of the current CCM Coordinators on this thematic, the Netherlands, organized a technical workshop, which brought together representatives of four affected States from the region, five donor States, one donor organization and three demining agencies.

The goal of the workshop was to encourage affected States to continue with their efforts on clearance and for States and operators to share their experiences with one another, through discussions on completion planning, challenges, lessons learnt, regional collaboration and available support.

Side event on the challenges to the implementation and universalization of the CCM

The Federal Republic of Germany, in its capacity as the President of the Seventh Meeting of States Parties (7MSP), organized a lunchtime side event on the “challenges to the implementation and universalization of the Convention on Cluster Munitions” in the margins of the 72nd session of the UN General Assembly First Committee on Disarmament and International Security. The meeting was held at the Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations in New York on Thursday 26 October, where more than a dozen States were in attendance.

Ambassador Michael Biontino (Permanent Representative of Germany to the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva) in his opening statement, made reference to the “country coalition” concept, the “structured dialogue” and the “military-to-military” engagements with States not Party that were initiated by the German Presidency of the 7MSP.

Closed side event on Transparency Measures & National Implementation Measures (CCM Articles 7 & 9)

A closed lunchtime side event in the margins of the 72nd session of the UN General Assembly First Committee on Disarmament and International Security was held at the Permanent Mission of New Zealand to the United Nations in New York on Tuesday 17 October. This informal meeting was organized by New Zealand, CCM Coordinator on National Implementation Measures, in collaboration with Zambia, CCM Coordinator on Transparency Measures, and with the technical support of the CCM Implementation Support Unit. Five States Parties attended this side event to discuss obligations stemming from Article 7 (Transparency Measures) and Article 9 (National Implementation Measures) of the Convention.



Publications

In response to requests made by some States Parties, the Dubrovnik Action Plan (DAP) is now also available in booklet form in **French** and **Spanish**. Downloadable pdf copies can be found on the CCM website at www.clusterconvention.org. Paper copies can be ordered directly from the CCM Implementation Support Unit. These easy-to-read publications aim at facilitating the work of French and Spanish speaking States Parties in the implementation of the objectives set collectively in the DAP.



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