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Highlights

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Successful Ninth Meeting of States Parties (9MSP)

Presided over H.E. Mr. Aliyar Lebbe Abdul Azeez of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, the Ninth Meeting of States Parties (9MSP) to the Convention on Cluster Munitions took place from 2 to 4 September 2019 at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland. On the final day of the Meeting, H.E. Mr. Félix Baumann, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the Conference on Disarmament, was elected President of the Second Review Conference (2RC) scheduled for November 2020. The 9MSP also designated H.E. Mr. Aidan Liddle, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the Conference on Disarmament, as President of the Tenth Meeting of States Parties (10MSP) to be held in 2021.

Statements and documents of the meeting can be found on the [CCM website](#). A news article on the 9MSP was also published in the UN Insider Journal under [In-Depth News](#), Berlin.

Composition of the 2019 – 2020 Coordination Committee

General Status and Operation of the Convention	Namibia & Zambia	Victim Assistance (Art. 5)	Mexico & Spain
Universalization (Art. 1)	Chile & Philippines	International Cooperation and Assistance (Art. 6)	Montenegro & Netherlands
Stockpile Destruction and Retention (Art. 3)	Australia & Austria	Transparency Measures (Art. 7)	Iraq
Clearance and Risk Reduction Education (Art. 4)	Afghanistan & Sweden	National Implementation Measures (Art. 9)	New Zealand

Universalization

The government of the Republic of Maldives deposited its accession instrument on 27 September 2019 making it the 107th CCM State Party. The Convention will enter into force for the Maldives on 1 March 2020 in accordance with Article 17.2. The Maldives' accession increases CCM membership in the Asia-Pacific region and brings the Convention closer to achieving its goal of 130 States Parties by the Second Review Conference (2RC)



Implementation of Article 3 (Stockpile Destruction) and Article 4 (Clearance)

First CCM Article 3 and Article 4 Extension Requests granted at 9MSP

The 9MSP considered the first ever Extension Request under Article 3, submitted by Bulgaria for an extension of its 1 October 2019 deadline. Bulgaria was granted a 12-month extension pending the provision of a detailed project management and work plan to be included in an updated extension request to be considered at the 2RC.

The 9MSP also assessed the first ever Article 4 Extension Requests, submitted by Germany and Lao PDR. Both States were given a five-year extension with the new deadline being 1 August 2025.

States Parties with Article 3 and Article 4 deadlines in 2020 and 2021

	Article 3	Article 4
2020	Bulgaria, Côte d'Ivoire, Italy & Sweden	Croatia, Montenegro & Norway
2021	Peru & Switzerland	Bosnia and Herzegovina, Chile, Grenada, Lebanon & Mozambique

Three States Parties – Côte d'Ivoire, Italy and Sweden – with Article 3 deadlines in 2020 completed destruction of their cluster munition stockpiles well ahead of their deadlines by between four-and-a-half to seven-and-a-half-years ahead of their respective deadlines. That leaves only Bulgaria, that was just granted an extension until 1 October 2020. Of the two States Parties with Article 3 deadlines in 2021, Switzerland has already declared compliance two years ahead of its deadline while Peru reported at the 9MSP that it was committed to fulfilling its obligations before its deadline of 1 March 2021.

With regard to States Parties with an Article 4 deadline on 1 August 2020, Norway completed clearance of its cluster munition remnants in 2013 while Croatia and Montenegro announced at the 9MSP their intentions to do so by this deadline. Two States Parties, Grenada and Mozambique, already fulfilled their clearance obligations well in advance of their 2021 deadlines (in 2012 and 2016, respectively). Bosnia and Herzegovina and Chile informed the 9MSP of their intentions to abide by their Article 4 deadlines under the Convention. However, Lebanon informed of its inability to complete clearance of all land contaminated by cluster munitions by the 1 May 2021 deadline and conveyed its intention to submit an extension request.

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