



QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

2020 1st Quarter

Highlights

(1st January – 31st March)

SAVE THE DATES: 2020 CCM MEETING

The Second Review Conference of the Convention on Cluster Munitions (2RC) will be held on 23–27 November 2020 at the SwissTech Convention Center in Lausanne, Switzerland.

The two preparatory meetings that precede the Review Conference are scheduled for:

8 June 2020: First 2RC Preparatory Meeting (Geneva)

4 September 2020: Second 2RC Preparatory Meeting (Geneva)

Documents and information on the Meeting will be available in due time on the [UNOG](#) and [CCM](#) websites.

State Party no.108: São Tomé and Príncipe

The Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe deposited its instrument of ratification on 27 January 2020, bringing the total number of CCM States Parties to 108. This ratification brings the Convention closer to achieving its goal of 130 States Parties by the 2RC in November 2020.



CCM Mission to Zimbabwe

2RC President, Ambassador Félix Baumann of Switzerland, was welcomed by the government of the Republic of Zimbabwe, a State not Party to the CCM, for an in-country visit on 4–5 February 2020. In Harare, Amb. Baumann met with the Secretary of Foreign Affairs and International Trade and the Secretary of Defence and War Veterans Affairs to promote the CCM and encourage Zimbabwe to accede to the Convention. The 2RC President was accompanied by the ISU Director, the Ambassador of Switzerland to Zimbabwe and representatives of the Embassies of Germany and the United Kingdom in Harare.

Universalization side event at NDM-UN23

Amb. Félix Baumann, 2RC President, with the support of the ISU, organized a "by invitation only" meeting in the margins of the 23rd International Meeting of Mine Action National Directors & United Nations Advisers on 14 February 2020 at the Palais des Nations. The aim of the side event was to provide a platform for CCM Signatory states and States not Party to discuss challenges and possible solutions to joining the Convention in the lead up to the 2RC. Panelists at the meeting included the ISU Director and representatives of the CMC and ICRC. The event gathered 19 participants from 7 CCM States parties and 6 States not Party.





Briefing at the African Union in Geneva

2RC President, Amb. Félix Baumann, was invited to brief the Permanent Delegation of the African Union in Geneva on the CCM. Meeting at Ambassadorial level, the briefing was held on 19 February 2020 and aimed to provide information on the Convention and its full implementation to African State representatives. The President highlighted the priorities of the Swiss presidency for the year specifically regarding the further universalization of the Convention on the continent which still had 9 Signatory States and 11 States not Party nearly 10 years after its entry into force.

CARICOM Regional Workshop on the CCM

The CARICOM Regional Workshop on the CCM took place in St. George's, Grenada, on 3-4 March 2020. Delegates from 11 CARICOM States met to discuss CCM universalization and implementation in the region. The meeting concluded with the adoption of "*The St. George's Commitment on Universalization and Implementation of the Convention on Cluster Munitions*". The workshop hosted by Grenada and sponsored by Canada was organized with the logistical and technical support of the ISU. Switzerland in its role as 2RC presidency also participated in the workshop. Workshop resource persons were representatives of Switzerland, the CMC and the ISU.



Africa Regional CCM Ratification Workshop

A CCM Ratification Workshop co-organized by Switzerland and the Federal Republic of Nigeria planned to be held in Abuja, Nigeria, on 26-27 March 2020 was postponed indefinitely following the outbreak and continuing global spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). All the remaining 9 African CCM Signatory States were invited to provide an update on current plans and progress to date on the ratification of the Convention.

Update on deadline extension requests to be considered at 2RC

During the quarter under review, Lebanon submitted an updated version of its request on 25 February 2020 to extend its Article 4 (clearance) deadline while on 24 January 2020, Chile submitted its Article 4 extension request. Both requests have been uploaded onto the [CCM website](https://www.clusterconvention.org). Similarly, Peru and Bulgaria have provided drafts of their Article 3 (stockpile destruction) extension requests for initial evaluation by the ISU during the same period. These requests will be available to CCM States Parties for consideration in the subsequent quarter.

2019 annual report early bird medalists: Guinea-Bissau, Australia and Saint Kitts & Nevis



For the 3rd consecutive year, the first three States Parties to submit their annual transparency reports were awarded medals. The three medalists for submitting the first 3 2019 annual reports are Guinea-Bissau, Australia and Saint Kitts & Nevis, in that order. Congratulations! Guyana has submitted its initial transparency report, leaving 7 States Parties still with outstanding initial reports. Well done to all other States Parties that have also already submitted their 2019 transparency reports. States Parties are reminded that the 2019 annual reports are due on **30 April 2020**. Reporting instructions can be found on the [CCM website](https://www.clusterconvention.org).

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