

International Cooperation and Assistance in the context of the Convention on Cluster Munitions

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Article 6

Article 6 of the Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM) states that “Each State Party in a position to do so shall provide **technical, material, and financial assistance** to States Parties affected by cluster munitions, aimed at the implementation of the obligations of this Convention. Such assistance may be provided, *inter alia*, through the United Nations system, international, regional or national organizations or institutions, non-governmental organizations or institutions, or on a bilateral basis”

This Article applies to the **implementation of all obligations** of the Convention, with a particular focus on the destruction of stockpiled cluster munitions, the clearance of cluster munitions remnants, assistance to victims, transparency reporting and the adoption of national legislation.

The Lausanne Action Plan



To assist and provide guidance to States Parties in the implementation of the Convention for the period 2021-2026, the Second Review Conference adopted the Lausanne Action Plan (LAP) in September 2021.

Actions 38 and 41 of the LAP encourages affected States to strengthen national ownership by developing comprehensive national plans and commit resources and/or explore innovative sources of funding, while **Action 40** urges States in a position to do so to provide sustainable and timely assistance.

Actions 39 and 42 stress the need to strengthen partnerships and exchange best practices to enhance and promote effective international cooperation and assistance.

How to request assistance

States Parties requiring international cooperation and assistance are encouraged to **share clear information on challenges and requirements** for the implementation of their national CCM obligations through the timely submission of national **Article 7 reports** and/or at **formal and informal Meetings** of the Convention. Many States that regularly do so have benefited from enhanced partnerships, cooperation and assistance to meet their CCM obligations.

Furthermore, States Parties requiring support could directly contact the current CCM Coordinators on International Cooperation and Assistance, the Netherlands and Peru, as well as the Implementation Support Unit of the CCM (ISU-CCM).

The broader community of actors supporting the work of the Convention, including the United Nations, the Cluster Munition Coalition (CMC), the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), mine action NGOs and other stakeholders also provide an extensive range of assistance which can be facilitated by the Coordinators and the ISU.

Existing mechanisms and available resources

States with obligations are encouraged to establish a **Country Coalition** under their lead to support in the implementation of their CCM commitments. This approach offers an effective framework for ensuring national ownership and long-term commitment by donors/partners and is adapted to the particular needs of the State needing assistance. To date, at least 4 States with obligations have led Country Coalition initiatives with the financial support of donor States and the technical assistance of international NGOs.

Multiple resources for States such as a ratification/accession toolkit, model legislation, reporting templates and other CCM related publications can be found on the Convention’s website: www.clusterconvention.org