



## CCM Thematic Working Group on International Cooperation and Assistance

### CONCEPT NOTE 2021 -2022

#### Enhancing Implementation of Article 6 of the Convention on Cluster Munitions up to the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of States Parties

##### **1. Background to Work Plan Context**

**Article 6** of the Convention 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.”

While reaffirming that each State Party is responsible for implementing its obligations under the Convention, States Parties recognise that enhanced international cooperation and assistance can play an important role in the timely and full implementation of all aspects of the Convention. They also acknowledge the importance of dialogue between affected States Parties, donors and operators, the value of country coalitions; the importance of national ownership and capacity building to ensure the effectiveness and sustainability of cooperation and assistance and stress the need to strengthen their partnerships at all levels with various partners.

To guide States Parties in the effective implementation of the Convention during the period up to the Third Review Conference of States Parties to the CCM (3RC) scheduled for 2026, at the Second Review Conference (2RC) States agreed to the five-year Lausanne Action Plan (LAP). Building on the Dubrovnik Action Plan (DAP), the Lausanne Action Plan aims to achieve significant and sustainable progress towards the universalization and implementation of the Convention for the period 2021-26. It lays out concrete actions that States Parties will take to that end.

Accordingly, on cooperation and assistance, States Parties will implement **LAP Actions 38 to 42** which detail the relevant activities to be undertaken. These Actions will provide the primary basis on which the activities detailed in this concept note will be derived in order to achieve the outlined objectives.

As of 15 October 2021, 21 of the 63 States Parties (Australia, Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Monaco, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom) that have submitted their 2020 annual transparency reports reported to have provided assistance to affected States Parties.

Additionally, 12 out of the 63 States Parties (either initial or annual) have requested international cooperation and assistance for completion of one or more obligations under the Convention: Afghanistan, Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Chad, Chile, Guinea-Bissau, Iraq, Lao (PDR), Lebanon, Mauritania, Montenegro, and Peru. Of these: two (Guinea-Bissau & Peru) for stockpile destruction; eight (Afghanistan, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Chad, Chile, Iraq, Lao PDR, Lebanon & Montenegro) for survey & clearance; five (Afghanistan, Iraq, Laos, Lebanon & Mauritania) for risk education; eight (Afghanistan, Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Guinea-Bissau, Iraq, Lao PDR, Lebanon & Mauritania) for victim assistance; and one (Mauritania) for assistance in capacity building and equipment for the demining Centre.

## 2. Objectives

- a. Facilitate targeted meetings to enhance international cooperation and assistance in the implementation of key CCM provisions.
- b. Be available as point of contact for questions with regard to international cooperation and assistance in the implementation of key CCM provisions.

## 3. Activities

- a. The Coordinators will have regular communication with affected States Parties, donors and operators, to exchange views, information and lessons learned, and to enhance international cooperation and assistance, as well as to promote the establishment of new Country Coalitions.
- b. The Coordinators will host a joint meeting to exchange views and share experiences/best practices between the CCM and APMBC
- c. The Coordinators will host a meeting aimed at exchanging views and sharing experiences/best practices of donors, operators and affected States Parties which have been/are engaged in a Country Coalition and affected States Parties seeking international assistance.
- d. The Coordinators will follow up with States Parties with established Country Coalitions to track implementation of their time-bound obligations under the Convention.
- e. The Coordinators will follow-up with States with existing time-bound obligations under the Convention regarding their needs for international cooperation and assistance.
- f. The Coordinators will meet regularly with the ISU to exchange views, in particular regarding extension requests.
- g. The Coordinators will work with the Coordinator for Transparency Reporting to encourage States parties to enhance the quality of information in their Article 7 reports. As Coordinators, they will highlight the importance of transparency reporting as it is one of the fundamental tools available to the CCM community to identify implementation challenges and needs.
- h. The Coordinators will work, as part of the *Analysis groups* for Article 3 and Article 4 extension requests, together with the Coordinators on Stockpile Destruction and Retention and the Coordinators on Clearance and Risk Reduction Education respectively, in support of the President to prepare the reports on the extension requests received.
- i. Social media platforms, including the Convention's website, will be used to promote good practices with regards to international cooperation and assistance and the concept of Country Coalitions.
- j. The Coordinators will participate at the intersessional CCM meeting and support the President of the 10<sup>th</sup> MSP in the activities related to the preparation of the MSP including its progress Report with regard to matters concerning cooperation and assistance.

**4. Expected Outputs by 10MSP**

- a. Country Coalition concept better understood by States Parties with time-bound obligations.
- b. States Parties seeking assistance to be supported in their efforts to receive the assistance, through coordination with different actors.
- c. Increased exchange of experiences and best practices regarding international cooperation and assistance and the concept of the Country Coalitions.
- d. States Parties that expect not to meet their deadlines will be assisted with their extension requests, including assistance in the mobilisation of necessary resources needed for the development and implementation of a request.

**5. Estimated Budget**

- Limited costs, depending on the strategy adopted.
- ISU grant for Country Coalition focused meetings.

**6. Strategy Implementers**

- Coordinators Germany and Montenegro
- CCM Implementation Support Unit

**7. Potential Implementing Partners**

- Thematic Coordinators
- States Parties and signatory States that have obligations under any of the key areas of the CCM including Articles 3, 4, 5, 7 and 9
- Donor/Partner States
- International NGOs / operators
- Aid agencies
- Civil society

**8. Timeline of the Activities up the 10MSP**

**Fourth Quarter of 2021**

- Meet with ISU to discuss priorities
- Host a joint meeting of CCM and APMBC Co-Coordiators for Cooperation and Assistance
- Meet with the representatives of civil society to exchange views on the international cooperation and assistance

**First Quarter of 2022**

- Send written communication to remind States Parties on information to be included in Article 7 reports
- Collaborate with the Coordinators on Clearance and Risk Reduction regarding possible joint Country Coalition event for Art. 4 States
- Follow-up on outcomes of informal meetings

**Second Quarter of 2022**

- Preparation of cooperation and assistance section of the 10MSP Progress Report

**Third Quarter of 2022**

- Report on activities undertaken during the year to the 10MSP