

## CMC Statement on Transparency

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Thank you, Mr. President.

The Convention requires each State Party submit an Article 7 report ***not later than 30 April*** of each year. As previously noted during the intersessional meetings, as of 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2022, only 23 out of 110 states parties had submitted their annual article 7 report to the Convention. Today? Just over half. And the convention is set to achieve a 3<sup>rd</sup> year of diminishing compliance.

States participation in the Transparency Reporting of the convention is the ***minimum*** level of participation a state can make to the convention. Each state's annual transparency report builds confidence and trust in the convention.

Only a year ago, during the Second Review Conference, states parties pledged to themselves in the Lausanne Action Plan: *to report initially, and annually, within the deadlines set*. The Final Report of the Second Review Conference, emphasized that *"Greater outreach efforts are required for States Parties to appreciate that Article 7 is a legal obligation."* It was not decided to be optional.

Not reporting is not complying with Article 7. What does it mean when almost half the states to this convention are in non-compliance with a legal obligation of the convention?

Transparency reporting is vital to enhance activities of States Parties, in particular those with obligations on clearance, stockpile destruction, and victim assistance.

The CMC thanks those states which provided their transparency reports on time and requests those states which are yet to submit their transparency reports to do so immediately.

The CMC thanks Iraq, the Coordinator on Transparency Measures, for its ongoing efforts in this regard. We hope that during Iraq's upcoming Presidency over the convention, transparency reporting will be given special attention, and we remain ready to work closely with the Presidency on updating the reporting guidance, as well as exploring new ways of boosting transparency reporting, such as establishing an informal group on reporting, for instance.

Comprehensive and on time transparency reporting build a vibrant convention.

Thank you.