

## **CMC Statement on Transparency**

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Thank you, Chair,

Transparency and accurate reporting are crucial for the effective implementation and continued success of the Convention on Cluster Munitions. However, many States Parties continue to report partially, inconsistently, late, or not at all. In addition, reports often lack numerical accuracy and are filled out in a way that prevents comparability over time, leading to gaps in understanding progress, challenges, and support needs. There remain 6 countries that still have not submitted their initial report, leaving their status on convention obligations ambiguous.

The Cluster Muniton Monitor team depends heavily on reliable, consistent, and comprehensive data furnished via Article 7 reports and reads through states' reports for the CCM, Mine Ban Treaty, and CCW thoroughly. Here are a few observations from the team, focusing on VA and international cooperation and assistance.

On Victim Assistance, inconsistency in reporting is a major concern, as well as a lack of detailed information on progress, funding, or the outcomes of coordination efforts, making it difficult to track improvements in the different areas of support to survivors required by the convention. With the massive backlog in reporting under the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities hopes for benefiting from that process seem distant, as a result victim assistance reporting under the CCM becomes even more vital.

On cooperation and assistance, donor States Parties generally report consistently, but there has been a decline in the number of states reporting on international contributions in recent years. With the current funding crisis, it is more critical than ever for donor states to provide detailed reports on their financial commitments.

Likewise, affected states need to improve reporting on their national contributions to mine action programs, which is often limited or non-existent. For our purposes, further disaggregation on funding would be useful to the extent possible, including whether funding was for programmes focused on CM, LM or not differentiated; how much went each to clearance, EORE, VA.

To enhance reporting quality while reducing the reporting burden on states as much as possible, we would like to suggest the following:

- More structured, updated, and user-friendly reporting templates, particularly for victim assistance and risk education, to help limit repetitive, irrelevant or outdated information
- Harmonized or standardized reporting templates across treaties to reduce duplication, improve comparability and improve data accuracy. While treaty obligations vary, the additional elements could be optional depending on the treaty. And using the most comprehensive form could raise the bar for reporting across the instruments. States would also benefit by being able to easily reproduce data across conventions.
- States Parties should use the revised template for the CCM Article 7 report, which has enhanced tables for disaggregated reporting and includes the new Form J on gender
- States should also include in their Article 7 reports updates on the Lausanne Action Plan implementation, and on updates to implementation of work plans
- States should use the 3<sup>rd</sup> Review Conference Action Plan as an opportunity to provide additional measurable actions to improve CCM reporting.

In closing, we urge all States Parties to submit their annual reports on time and to do everything possible to ensure data is thorough and consistent across forms and conventions.

Thank you.