



## **CCM Coordinator on Transparency Measures**

### **WORK PLAN 2025 - 2026**

**Coordinator:** AUSTRALIA

#### **1. Background to the work plan**

Australia is pleased to serve a third term as Coordinator on Transparency Measures until the Third Review Conference of the Convention in September 2026. We will continue to call on all States Parties, through our work plan, to comply with their reporting obligations, build synergies in transparency reporting across other arms control fora, and conduct outreach to support States Parties to comply with reporting obligations.

Transparency reporting is an obligation under the Convention on Cluster Munitions and a vital indicator of the overall health of the Convention. It establishes a benchmark against which implementation progress is measured and evaluated. Transparency reports are also a useful tool to facilitate international cooperation and assistance.

In accordance with Article 7 of the Convention, States Parties are obliged to report to the United Nations Secretary-General no later than 180 days after entry into force of the Convention through an initial transparency report, and on an annual basis by 30 April each year thereafter.

At the Second Review Conference of the Convention, States Parties committed to several actions to enhance transparency reporting under the Lausanne Action Plan, particularly Actions 43 to 46. Among other things, the Lausanne Action Plan urges States Parties to:

- Provide their initial and annual transparency reports within the deadlines set in Article 7 of the Convention.
- Seek assistance with reporting where needed and, for partners in a position to do so, to lend assistance.
- Develop and endorse an amended reporting form.

The 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting of States Parties in September 2025 noted a slight improvement in annual reporting compliance in 2025. The Final Report (CCM/MSP/2025/8) stated that for the 2024 reporting year, 63 of 105 States Parties submitted their Article 7 reports (including 48 by the deadline), two of seven States Parties submitted outstanding initial reports, and 46 States Parties used the revised Article 7 reporting form adopted at the 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of States Parties.

## **2. Objectives and expected outputs**

<b>Objective</b>	<b>Expected output</b>
More States comply with annual transparency reporting obligations under the Convention	Increase in number of annual transparency reports submitted
Reduce the number of outstanding initial reports under the Convention	Increase in number of initial transparency reports submitted
Enhance awareness, capacity and political will for transparency reporting under the Convention	Increase in number of States making national progress toward meeting reporting obligations

## **3. Implementation activities**

- a) Enhance awareness:** Undertake initiatives to help States better understand the benefits of transparency reporting, including:
- i. Host workshops on synergies in transparency reporting across instruments at key meetings, such as Meetings of States parties of the Convention and other disarmament instruments, highlighting how one process for collecting information and compiling a report can help with another.
  - ii. Make national statements and submitting working papers at key meetings that amplify the importance of transparency reporting.
  - iii. Circulate to Geneva Missions a reporting deadlines calendar providing key reporting information across disarmament instruments.
  - iv. Deliver the annual transparency measures progress report for the Convention.
- b) Enhance cooperation and capacity-building:**
- i. Convene meetings to explore synergies in transparency reporting across conventional arms control instruments with the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA), UN Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR), Implementation Support Units (ISU) and Secretariats.
  - ii. Encourage the Convention's ISU to adopt the practical measures outlined in Australia's working paper (CCM/MSP/2025/12), such as staggering reporting deadlines across instruments, developing a reporting guide, distributing regular reminders and resources, and delivering awareness and capacity-building activities.
- c) Enhance political will:**
- i. Outreach to the six States that have yet to submit initial transparency reports through Australia's diplomatic channels.

## **4. Implementation partners**

- Lao PDR in its capacity as 14th President of the Convention.
- The Convention's ISU.
- The ISUs and Secretariats of other disarmament instruments.
- States Parties to the Convention.

- States with committee roles focused on enhancing transparency in other disarmament instruments.
- Australia's diplomatic networks.
- UN Office for Disarmament Affairs.
- Civil society organisations.

## **5. Timeline of activities**

### **a) September to December 2025**

- ii. Co-host workshop on transparency reporting synergies across conventional arms control instruments with UNIDIR and the Permanent Mission of Sierra Leone at the 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of States Parties to the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention (APMBC).
- iii. Submit working paper on transparency reporting synergies across conventional arms control instruments to the 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of States Parties to the APMBC.
- iv. Enhance awareness of the importance of transparency reporting through national statements at key meetings including the Meeting of High Contracting Parties to the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons and the 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of States Parties to the APMBC.

### **b) January to March 2026**

- i. Convene meeting to explore synergies in transparency reporting across conventional arms control instruments with UNODA, UNIDIR, ISUs, Secretariats, and civil society.
- ii. Circulate a reporting deadlines calendar across arms control fora to Geneva Missions.
- iii. Progress reporting for transparency measures under the Convention ahead of its Third Review Conference.
- iv. Outreach to the six States that have yet to submit initial transparency reports through Australia's diplomatic channels.

### **c) April to June 2026**

- i. Deliver the progress report for transparency measures under the Convention.

### **d) July to September 2026**

- i. Submit working paper on transparency reporting synergies across conventional arms control instruments to the 12<sup>th</sup> Conference of States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty.
- ii. Prepare for the Convention's Third Review Conference with a view to delivering remarks as transparency coordinator.

## **6. Contact details**

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