

Convention on Cluster Munitions

Third Review Conference

Statement by Norway under Agenda Item 9 (f)

International Cooperation and Compliance

President,

Norway remains firmly committed to supporting the implementation of the Convention on Cluster Munitions and to assisting affected States Parties in meeting their obligations under the Convention.

At the same time, we must acknowledge a challenging reality.

Mine action organisations, national authorities and affected states are operating in an increasingly constrained financial environment. Funding pressures across the humanitarian and development sectors are creating difficult choices at a time when needs remain significant.

In this context, it is more important than ever that available resources are used as effectively as possible.

We must continue to invest in approaches that maximise impact, improve efficiency and support evidence-based decision-making. Survey methodologies, information management systems, and other innovations have significantly improved our ability to identify contamination, prioritise interventions and release land safely.

We encourage continued cooperation among States Parties, operators, technical experts and international organisations to strengthen implementation, promote best practices, and share lessons learned across programmes and regions.

No single actor can address these challenges alone.

Partnerships between national authorities, affected communities, operators, donors and civil society organisations have long been a strength of this Convention. As resources become more limited, collaboration, coordination and the sharing of expertise will become even more important. There is no substitute for national ownership.

President,

We are also concerned that financial pressures risk undermining efforts to mainstream gender in mine action programmes. Gender-responsive mine action is not an optional add-on. It is essential to ensuring that activities respond to the different needs, priorities

and risks faced by women, men, girls and boys, and contribute to more effective and sustainable outcomes.

Norway will continue to support efforts to strengthen cooperation and assistance under the Convention. At a time of constrained resources, we must focus on impact, efficiency and innovation, while maintaining the standards and partnerships that have made the Convention a success.

Thank you.