

Convention on Cluster Munitions

Third Review Conference

Statement by Norway under Agenda Item 9 (h) Compliance

President,

Norway remains deeply concerned by reports of recent use of cluster munitions. Any use of these weapons causes unacceptable harm to civilians and runs counter to the objectives of the Convention.

Reports of new use and transfers show that the prohibition remains under pressure. Allegations involving both States Parties and non-States Parties underline the importance of vigilance, transparency and adherence to the Convention.

If use by a State Party were to be confirmed, it would constitute a serious compliance issue under the Convention. States Parties [should] [have a responsibility to] investigate credible allegations of use on their territory thoroughly and transparently, and to keep States Parties informed of the findings.

Norway [encourages / takes note of the willingness of] the State Party Mali to cooperate with international partners in establishing the facts. We urge the State Party to [continue these efforts, to] take all necessary measures to prevent any recurrence, and to provide all States Parties with comprehensive and transparent information regarding the findings of its investigations and any follow-up actions taken.

Maintaining confidence in the Convention requires that concerns related to compliance are addressed openly, responsibly and in accordance with the Convention's provisions. Norway encourages all States Parties to engage constructively on such matters in order to safeguard the integrity of the Convention and strengthen the norm against cluster munitions.

Thank you.