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Activities and Priorities for Implementation 2026-2027 Committee on Cooperative Compliance*,**

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I. Activities of the Committee

1. On 16 December 2025, the Committee held its initial meeting to initiate its work of engaging in a cooperative dialogue with States Parties and addressing matters related to its mandate . Since this time, the Committee has met regularly to discuss the implementation of its mandate. In line with the working methods of the Committee, the Committee elected Mexico as the gender focal point for the Committee.

2. In line with its mandate to encourage reporting under Article 7, on 21 January 2026, the Committee engaged with the newest States Parties, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Kingdom of Tonga, to recall their commitment to submit an initial report not later than 180 days following the entry into force of the Convention.

3. On 10 March 2026, the Committee sent a letter to all States Parties to recall the importance of reporting in a timely manner, by 30 April, and presented to States Parties the tools available to facilitate reporting, such as the online reporting format and simplified reporting forms.

4. On 26 March 2026, the Committee, joined by the other Committees of the Convention, convened an online workshop for States Parties and States not party on reporting under Article 7 and the Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan (SRAAP). The workshop had the objective of encouraging reporting in line with the Guide to Reporting, raising awareness of available tools and providing a space for States Parties to share reporting challenges. The workshop included interventions by the President, the Chairs of each Committee, as well as by the Implementation Support Unit (ISU). The workshop also provided an opportunity for a representative of the gender focal points to communicate the importance of States Parties reporting on their efforts to integrate considerations for gender, age, disability, the diverse needs and experiences of people in affected communities including mine survivors, in their implementation efforts.

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5. In line with the mandate of the Committee and Action 48 of the SRAAP which requests States Parties that have not fulfilled their obligations under Article 9 of the Convention to urgently take all appropriate legal, administrative, and other measures and report on the measures taken as soon as possible and no later than the Twenty-Second Meeting of the States Parties (2025), the Committee continued its dialogue with a number of States Parties concerning their reporting efforts in line with Article 9. On 20 May 2026, the Committee circulated a letter to 30 States Parties with outstanding commitments under Article 9 of the Convention to request information on progress on efforts to take all appropriate legal, administrative and other measures, including the imposition of penal sanctions, to prevent and suppress any activity prohibited to a State Party under this Convention undertaken by persons or on territory under its jurisdiction or control. The communication from the Committee also invited these States to take the floor during the Intersessional Meetings.

6. At the 15 – 18 June 2026 Intersessional Meetings, the Committee submitted its preliminary observations on the status of implementation of the compliance measures of the Convention and the Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan 2025-2029. The preliminary observations considered ongoing allegations or confirmed non-compliance with the Convention, the status of Article 7 reporting, and progress in the implementation of Article 9.

7. On the margins of the Intersessional Meetings, on 17 June, the Committee held a discussion on the implementation of Article 9. The objective of the meeting was to raise awareness of the importance of compliance with Article 9, share the tools and means of assistance available, explore common challenges and solutions, amongst other related matters.

8. The Committee organised a panel discussion for the plenary of the Intersessional Meetings entitled "*Standing up for International Humanitarian Law: Global Frameworks and the Place of the Anti-personnel Mine Ban Convention*". The panel examined global initiatives to strengthen international humanitarian law (IHL) and the place of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention in these initiatives. It also sought to review the SRAAP's renewed emphasis on: a. Promoting ratification or accession by States not party; b. Promoting universal observance of the Convention's norms and objectives; and c. Condemning violations of these norms and taking appropriate steps to end the use, stockpiling, production, and transfer of anti-personnel mines by any actor, including armed non-state actors. Panellists included the Permanent Mission of Austria, the Permanent Mission of Lebanon, the International Campaign to Ban Landmines, the International Committee of the Red Cross, the Inter-Parliamentary Union, and the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs.

9. On several occasions over the course of 2026, the President, in her capacity as President as well as Chair of the Committee on Cooperative Compliance together with all members of the Committee on Cooperative Compliance, met with Cambodia and Thailand individually to continue their engagement under Article 8.1. These interactions aimed to, as stipulated in Article 8.1, support Cambodia and Thailand to work together, in a cooperative spirit, to facilitate compliance in a constructive and amicable manner.

10. On 6 April 2026 and on 19 August 2026, the Committee sent a communication to Ukraine requesting a meeting to reestablish a cooperative dialogue with Ukraine concerning alleged use of anti-personnel mines by its Armed Forces and potential transfer of anti-personnel mines. The Committee further requested Ukraine to respond to the call of the Twenty-Second Meeting of the States Parties to further engage, as a State Party, within the framework of the Convention and the invitation for Ukraine, the President and office holders of the Convention to sustain a cooperative dialogue. Despite the Committee's invitations to meet and re-establish cooperative dialogue, Ukraine has not yet responded to the Committee's request to pursue this exchange.

11. In the lead-up to the Twenty-Third Meeting of the States Parties (23MSP), the Committee sent a communication to all States Parties implementing obligations of the Convention which have not submitted Article 7 reports for one or more years and have outstanding obligations under Article 5, Article 4, and retain anti-personnel mines under Article 3.

II. Priorities for Implementation

12. The Committee will continue prioritising its cooperative dialogue with States Parties to assist them in acting upon their commitment under Article 8.1 of the Convention to work together in a spirit of cooperation to facilitate compliance in a supportive and amicable manner, and to ensure the implementation of the Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan (SRAAP) in this regard. In particular, the Committee will work with and encourage States Parties, in line with Action 46 of the SRAAP, to investigate and address alleged or known non-compliance with Article 1, take measures to prevent recurrence, share information with all States Parties in a timely, comprehensive and transparent manner, and cooperate under Article 8.1 to resolve such matters effectively and expeditiously.

13. In accordance with Action 47 of the SRAAP and its mandate under Article 1.2, the Committee will continue encouraging States Parties that have not submitted their annual Article 7 reports to do so. In this context, the Committee will also encourage States Parties to report on measures taken to ensure that the different needs and perspectives of women, girls, boys and men are reflected in, and inform, all aspects of Convention implementation and mine action programmes.

14. In line with Action 48 of the SRAAP, the Committee will proactively engage with States Parties that have not reported on having adopted appropriate legal, administrative or other measures under Article 9, or that consider existing measures sufficient, with a view to identifying remaining gaps, sharing good practices and supporting concrete progress in the implementation of Article 9 obligations.

15. The Committee will continue to promote and support compliance with all provisions of the Convention by engaging with States Parties, encouraging implementation of their obligations, and contributing to efforts aimed at achieving the Convention’s purpose and objectives as soon as possible.

16. In implementing its mandate, the Committee will apply the working methods established by the Committee and will continue its interactions with civil society and international organisations.