

Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention  
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**Cooperative Compliance  
Statement by Austria**

Thank you, Mr. President.

We were pleased with the Committee on Cooperative Compliance having been established by States Parties at the Maputo Review Conference as a means to assist States Parties to work together in a spirit of cooperation to facilitate compliance challenges.

We express our appreciation to you, Mr. President, and the whole Committee, for the Activity Report and Preliminary Observations of this Committee and its work.

Austria condemns any use of anti-personnel mines by any actor. We are deeply concerned by reports of use of anti-personnel mines, including in on the territory of countries that are States Parties to the Mine Ban Treaty.

We thank the Committee that has engaged with countries concerned with allegations of use of anti-personnel mines within their respective territories for its preliminary reporting on this dialogue. We also thank States Parties that have engaged in transparency with the Committee. We call on all States Parties concerned to clarify outstanding allegations of use at the earliest possible and take any necessary steps for full compliance with the Convention, and inform States Parties accordingly, and to immediately take all measures necessary to protect the civilian population from any more harm.

We also highlight in this context, that international law obliges all states to refrain from the use of inhuman and indiscriminate weapons.

We are pleased to see that the Committee has been engaging with ICBL-CMC on a regular basis, which we consider as important, and also that the Committee has actively followed up on media reporting concerning their area of work.

Under this agenda item, my delegation would also like to raise its concern with regard to compliance deadlines for stockpile destruction under Art. 4 and for clearance under Art. 5 that have not been met by certain States Parties.

The cooperation by all states parties on compliance issues plays an important role for achieving the objectives of the Treaty as so well set out in our Maputo Declaration of June 2014: to stay focused and spare no efforts until the main object and purpose of the Convention are fully materialised, to end the suffering and casualties caused by anti-personnel mines, for all people for all time.

I thank you