



Panel Discussion

Cooperative Compliance within the framework of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention

Thursday, 2 July 2020, 12:00 – 13:00 CET

**Organizers: The Committee on Cooperative Compliance
(Iraq, Panama, Poland, Sudan, Switzerland)**

Background

The Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention established a comprehensive framework to achieve the determination of the States Parties of putting “an end to the suffering and casualties caused by anti-personnel mines”. This comprehensive framework includes several measures to ensure States Parties’ compliance with the Convention and to permit an annual assessment of progress made in the implementation of the Convention’s provisions.

At the Fourth Review Conference in 2019, the States Parties adopted the *Oslo Action Plan* containing 50 Actions to be implemented by the States Parties, including actions #48 to #50 aiming to support and strengthen compliance measures in the Convention’s traditional spirit of cooperation. Furthermore, at the Fourth Review Conference, the States Parties broadened the mandate of the Committee on Cooperative Compliance to address all matters under Article 1.2 of the Convention, support States Parties in their efforts to implement and report on matters contained in Article 9 of the Convention and encourage the submission of annual Article 7 reports.

While the Convention unquestionably enjoys a high rate of compliance, with the adoption of the *Oslo Action Plan*, the States Parties accepted that some of the compliance measures would benefit from being strengthened to ensure continued progress toward the States Parties’ common objective.

Objectives

The objectives of the panel are to raise awareness of 1) the compliance challenges faced by the Convention following 21 years of implementation, 2) existing measures to ensure compliance under the Convention and their strengthening by the Oslo Action Plan, and 3) the role of the Committee on Cooperative Compliance in support in the cooperative implementation of the Convention.

The panel discussion forms part of the efforts of the Committee on Cooperative Compliance to raise awareness of the important measures related to compliance adopted by the Fourth Review Conference to ensure implementation of the Convention and to encourage States Parties to improve their reporting

practices in this regard in order to support efforts of establishing a clear implementation baseline by the end of the current year.

Format

Brief 7 - 8 minutes presentations, Q&A session

The panel will be held in an interactive format, beginning with introductory remarks by the presenters which will lay the ground for a question and answer session.

Participants are invited to forward questions or comments in advance to: isu@apminebanconvention.org (please reference the name of the panel in your email) by **25 June**.

Panel

Moderator: **H.E. Osman Abufatima Adam Mohammed**, Ambassador, Deputy Permanent Representative of Sudan, Chargé d'affaires a.i., President of the Eighteenth Meeting of the States Parties

- **Steve Goose**, Executive Director, Arms Division, Human Rights Watch
- **Wen Zhou**, Legal Adviser, Arms Unit, Legal Division International Committee of the Red Cross
- **Laurent Masméjean**, Deputy Permanent Representative to the Conference on Disarmament, Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations