

**Ottawa Convention
Meeting of the Standing Committees
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Canada's Statement on Compliance

Canada is deeply concerned by reports and allegations of the use of antipersonnel mines that have continued to arise throughout the past year. We also remain concerned by past allegations which have not been addressed.

While all allegations of use of antipersonnel mines are of concern to us, Canada is particularly concerned by allegations involving States Parties to the Convention. We regret deeply that five States Parties are subject to such allegations.

We urge all States Parties concerned by allegations of use of mines to move quickly to investigate and resolve all of the allegations, and to report in a transparent manner the results of investigations at the next Meeting of States Parties in December 2013.

In the same spirit of transparency, Canada wishes to inform the meeting regarding a recent report of illegal retention of landmines by individuals in my country. Two Canadian citizens were criminally charged in March 2013 on numerous weapons-related offenses, after an illegal arms cache, which included landmines, was found at their private home. We are not able to comment further, as the matter is still before the courts. Nevertheless, the case demonstrates the effectiveness of the mechanisms which Canada has put in place to prosecute those who breach Convention obligations. As appropriate, we will report on the outcome of the case at the next meeting under the Convention.

Thank you.