

**14th Meeting of States Parties to the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention,
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Statement by Norway on Compliance

Thank you, Mr. President.

the Committee on Cooperative Compliance was established at the Maputo Review Conference to address compliance challenges in a cooperative manner. We would like to commend the Committee for the way in which it has followed up on allegations of use of anti-personnel mines and have engaged in constructive dialogue with relevant States Parties. We further welcome that the Committee has actively consulted civil society to receive their views.

We think this provides a good basis for continued work by the Committee in the time ahead. We call on all relevant States to engage constructively with the Committee and to follow up on allegations of use by conducting the necessary investigations; and taking steps to ensure that the Convention is fully respected.

Norway strongly condemns the use of anti-personnel mines by any actor. We are deeply concerned by reports of use of anti-personnel mines, including within the territory of States Parties to the Convention. We call on all actors that continue to use anti-personnel mines to cease using these weapons and to take measures to protect civilians from the grave threat that they pose. We urge all States that have not yet joined the Convention to do so at the earliest opportunity.

We thank MAG and NPA for reminding us in their joint statement that homemade or improvised anti-personnel landmines fall within the scope of this Convention. This has particular implications for compliance with Article 5.

Beyond the issue of compliance with the prohibition on use of anti-personnel mines, Norway remains concerned about the lack of compliance with other core obligations of the Convention, in particular the obligation to destroy stockpiles under Article 4 and to clear all mined areas under Article 5. We hope to see renewed efforts by all States Parties to overcome remaining challenges to ensure full implementation of all of the Convention's obligations in the time to come.

Thank you.