



# QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

2018 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter

## Highlights

(1<sup>st</sup> October – 31<sup>st</sup> December)

### CCM side events at UNGA 73

The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, in its capacity as the President of the Ninth Meeting of States Parties (9MSP), organized a lunchtime meeting at the UN Headquarters in New York on Friday, 12 October, in the margins of the 73<sup>rd</sup> session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA 73) First Committee on Disarmament and International Security. States Parties and States not Party to the Convention from the Asia, Pacific and



other regions gathered to discuss universalization of the CCM. 9MSP President, Ambassador Aliyar Lebbe Abdul Azeez, Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the United Nations in Geneva, gave an opening statement [via video conference](#) in Geneva, and presented the Presidency's key priorities up to the 9MSP.



Another CCM side event in the margins of the UNGA 73 was held at the Permanent Mission of New Zealand to the United Nations on Thursday 11 October. This meeting was organized by New Zealand, CCM Coordinator on National Implementation Measures, in collaboration with Iraq, CCM Coordinator on Transparency Measures. States Parties in attendance discussed their obligations stemming from Article 7 and Article 9 of the Convention.

### UNGA votes on 2018 CCM Resolution

The United Nations General Assembly voted on 5 December on the 2018 UN resolution on the "*Implementation of the Convention on Cluster Munitions*" which was adopted with a vote of 144 in favour, 1 against, and 38 abstentions. Most notably, a State not Party that had voted NO in the first 3 CCM Resolutions had changed its position to Abstain.

### The Gambia is State Party No. 105

The Republic of the Gambia deposited its instrument of ratification to the CCM on Wednesday 12 December making it the 105<sup>th</sup> State Party. The Convention will enter into force for the new State Party on 1 June 2019 as per Article 17.2.



## Botswana destroys its CM stockpiles

The Republic of Botswana reported that it had completed destruction of all its cluster munition stockpiles on 18 September 2018; more than a year ahead of its 1 December 2019 deadline. This major achievement came about through the establishment of a Country Coalition between Botswana and Norwegian People's Aid. Botswana's declaration on 22 November leaves the Convention with only 6 States Parties having current obligations under Article 3 (stockpile destruction).

## PAX 2018 report shows significant decrease in CM investments

On 3 December, which marked the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the CCM Signature, PAX's [2018 Worldwide investment in cluster munitions report](#) was released. Key findings in this latest report include:

- 46 States are taking steps to outlaw investments in cluster munitions, 11 of which have adopted specific legislation to prohibit such activities;
- 2 arms manufacturers have completely halted production and delivery of cluster munitions;
- Investment in cluster munitions has dropped from USD 31 billion in 2017 to USD 9 billion in 2018;
- 110 financial institutions are publicly excluding cluster munition producers, a notably increase from 22 in last year's report;
- 88 financial institutions are found to have invested in cluster munition producers in 2018, as compared to 166 in the 2017 report.



## First CCM extension requests

One State Party, Bulgaria, announced that it would submit an extension request in order to meet its Article 3 obligations, while another two States Parties, Germany and Lao PDR, also informed that they would submit an extension request with regard to the fulfilment of their obligations under Article 4.

## REMINDER: 2018 annual reports are due before 30 April 2019

States Parties are kindly reminded that, as stipulated in Article 7 of the Convention, the **deadline for the submission of the 2018 Annual Transparency Report is 30 April 2019.**

This annual transparency report should cover the period 1 January to 31 December 2018 and be sent to the UN Secretary-General, via the Office for Disarmament Affairs at [ccm@un.org](mailto:ccm@un.org). The ISU would also appreciate a copy of the submitted report at [info@cmconvention.org](mailto:info@cmconvention.org).

As at 10 January 2019, 13 States Parties had still not submitted their **initial transparency reports**. The Presidency of the 9MSP strongly encourages these States Parties to submit their initial report as soon as possible.

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