

CCM Article 7- Transparency Measures

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What does it say?

Article 7.1 of the Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM) states that “Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General of the United Nations as soon as practicable, and in any event not later than 180 days after the entry into force of this Convention for that State Party”

Article 7.2:” The information provided in accordance with paragraph 1 of this Article shall be updated by the States Parties annually, covering the previous calendar year, and reported to the Secretary-General of the United Nations not later than 30 April of each year.”

And the Lausanne Action Plan?

Action 43 of the LAP urges all States Parties to provide their initial and annual transparency reports within the deadlines set in Article 7 of the Convention. In addition, **Actions 45 and 46** remind States that these reports are the means for confidence building and monitoring the implementation of the Convention, as well as for international cooperation and assistance.

Action 44 highlights the importance of States Parties with obligations under Article 3 (stockpile destruction and retention) or Article 4 (clearance and risk education) to report regularly in the most expeditious, comprehensive and transparent manner possible.

Why Report?

Transparency Reporting is a key obligation under the Convention which is a vital indicator of the overall health of the Convention. It establishes a benchmark against which implementation progress is measured and evaluated. It also provides States Parties with a practical tool for requesting and providing requisite assistance and cooperation in implementing the CCM. Reporting demonstrates efforts applied by individual States Parties’ in fulfilling their obligations and affords them an opportunity to share updates on implementation progress and to communicate any challenges they may be facing in complying with obligations under the Convention.

How to Report?

States Parties can submit their initial and/or annual transparency report using one of the six official languages of the United Nations. The recommended CCM Article 7 reporting templates can be found on the United Nations website <https://undocs.org/CCM/MSP/2010/WP.4> as well as on the CCM website <http://www.clusterconvention.org/documents/transparency-reports/>

When and to Whom to Report?

Each Article 7 report shall cover the previous calendar year (i.e. 1 January through 31 December), and must be submitted to the United Nations Secretary-General **no later than 30 April** of the following year at:

CCM Secretariat
Office for Disarmament Affairs (Geneva Branch)
Palais des Nations, room C-119
Avenue de la Paix 8-14
1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland
Fax: 41-22-917-0034
E-mail: ccm@un.org

States are kindly requested to also submit a copy of the report to the ISU at info@cmconvention.org

Where can submitted reports be found?

All reports submitted by States Parties can be found on the [UNOG website](#) which is the designated registry of CCM transparency reports.

Who can help with Reporting?

Iraq, CCM Coordinator on Transparency Measures, in collaboration with the ISU, provides support to States requiring assistance in complying with their reporting obligations. Should you have any queries regarding Article 7 Reporting, please contact the Coordinator or the ISU at the details provided overleaf.