

Statement by Norway on Compliance concerns
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I would like to express my satisfaction with the response and assurances just made by the distinguished delegate of Uganda.

Norway is concerned with any allegation of non-compliance by States Parties to the obligations of the Convention. When such allegations are put forward, States Parties have a right and even a duty to gather relevant information

Non-action or indifference will undermine the credibility of the Convention. On the other hand it is evident that the “spirit of cooperation” must be the guiding principle for States Parties in seeking clarifications on matters pertaining to non-compliance. Dialogue with the concerned State Party could also involve offer of technical or other types of assistance to overcome the problem, if it exists.

I would also underline that such a gathering of information does not imply that Article 8 of the Convention has been invoked.

Norway intends to pursue such an approach when reacting to well-documented allegations on non-compliance.