



## Thematic Panel

***Thematic Panel: Strengthening the Norm of the Convention – A Responsibility of All States Parties***  
**Wednesday - 19 June 2024**  
**16:30 – 18:00**

### Background

The preamble of the Convention recognizes the desire to attract adherence by all States. The Oslo Declaration adopted in 2019 recognized that the norms established by the Convention are strong and pledged to promote, defend, and condemn the use of anti-personnel mines by any actor, and spare no effort to universalize the Convention based on the respect for obligations under international law, including international humanitarian and human rights law.

In adopting the Oslo Action Plan, the States Parties committed to implementing actions to support the universalization and strengthen compliance at national and international levels. Twenty-five years on, it remains clear that *all* States Parties have a responsibility in ensuring that the norm established by the Convention remains strong.

This panel will explore efforts in place to universalize the Convention and to ensure compliance, including transparency, national implementation, and other measures, remains strong. The panel will also provide an opportunity for States Parties to consider how the next action plan can best ensure that the measure to strengthen the norm of the Convention remains effective.

### Objectives

- Explore the current global context and the importance of strengthening the norm of the Convention
- Explore the Convention's compliance mechanisms including Article 9 on national implementation measures
- Explore the place of universalization in strengthening the norm and how these efforts can be strengthened in the lead up to the Sixth Review Conference
- Explore how States Parties can strengthen their joint condemnation of the use of anti-personnel by any actor going forward

### Format

The Committees will start with a short discussion before the floor is open to States Parties and organisations to provide their feedback.

## Speakers

Moderator:

**Hana Cervenka**, Deputy Director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Norway

Speakers:

- **H.E. Thomas Göbel**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Conference on Disarmament
- **H.E. Prum Sophakmonkol**, Vice President, Cambodian Mine Action and Victim Assistance Authority
- **Steve Goose**, International Campaign to Ban Landmines
- **Sahar Harron**, Legal Advisor, International Committee of the Red Cross

## Questions for consideration by participants

*The Oslo Action Plan contains several measures for the Universalization of the Convention:*

- **Action 11** *Use all available avenues to promote ratification of/accession to the Convention by States not party including by encouraging their participation in the work of the Convention.*
  - *How have the States Parties and the Convention's machinery operationalised this and what other measure could be considered for the next Action Plan?*
- **Action 12** *Continue to promote universal observance of the Convention's norms and objectives, condemn violations of these norms, and take appropriate steps to end the use, stockpiling, production, and transfer of anti-personnel mines by any actor, including by armed non-State actors.*
  - *How have the States Parties and the Convention's machinery operationalized this and how can States Parties do better in this regard?*
  - *What additional measures could be considered for the next Action Plan?*
- **Action 50** *Any State Party that has not yet fulfilled its obligations under Article 9 of the Convention will urgently take all appropriate legal, administrative, and other measures to implement those obligations and report on the measures taken no later than by the Twentieth Meeting of the States Parties.*
  - *National legislation is critical to ensuring compliance with the provision of the Convention.*
  - *Building on Action 50 of the Oslo Action Plan how should the Siem Reap – Angkor Action Plan tackle the matter of Article 9 compliance?*