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South Africa

Signed: 3 December 2008
Ratified: 28 May 2015
Entered into force: 1 November 2015



Article 3 - Stockpile destruction and retention

Completed destruction of its cluster munition stockpiles in September 2023

Article 4 - Clearance and risk reduction education

Does not have any contamination in areas under its jurisdiction or control

Article 5 - Victim assistance

Does not have cluster munition victims

Article 6 - International cooperation and assistance

Has not provided any information on request or provision of assistance

Article 7 - Transparency measures

Initial transparency report submitted on 8 September 2017

Annual report submitted covering: 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023

Article 9 - National implementation measures

Existing laws – *Anti-Personnel Mines Prohibition Act of 2003* and *Occupational Health & Safety Act of 1993* - which include penal sanctions, are considered by South Africa as sufficient to implement the CCM

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**PERMANENT MISSION OF SOUTH AFRICA TO
THE UNITED NATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS**

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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of South Africa to the United Nations Office at Geneva and Other International Organisations in Switzerland presents its compliments to the Convention on Cluster Munitions – Implementation Support Unit (ISU) and has the honour to submit the following Declaration of Compliance confirming South Africa's fulfilment of its obligations under Article 3 of the Convention.

Article 3 - Declaration of Compliance

Article 3 destruction deadline: 01 November 2023

Date of completion: 07 September 2023

South Africa ratified the Convention on 28 May 2015. The Convention entered into force for South Africa on 1 November 2015.

As a result of efforts undertaken since its initial transparency report, South Africa declares that it has fulfilled its obligations under Article 3 of the Convention by having destroyed all cluster munition stockpiles and determined that there are no longer any such stockpiles under its jurisdiction or control.

In the event that previously unknown stockpiles of cluster munitions, including submunitions, are discovered after the date of completion, South Africa, in keeping with Article 7 paragraph 1(g), will immediately inform States Parties of such a discovery and share this information through annual transparency reports and any other fora including Meetings of States Parties, Review Conferences and informal meetings of the Convention.

If South Africa believes that it will be unable to destroy or ensure destruction of all newly discovered cluster munitions within its Article 3 deadline it may submit a request to a Meeting of States Parties or Review Conference for an extension of the deadline by a period up to four years as stipulated in Article 3. If such a discovery is after the original Article 3 deadline and South Africa is unable to destroy such cluster munitions before the next Meeting of States Parties/Review Conference, it may request an extension of up to four years to complete such destruction.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of South Africa to the United Nations Office at Geneva and Other International Organisations in Switzerland avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Convention on Cluster Munitions – Implementation Support Unit (ISU), the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 29 September 2023

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