



**FACT SHEET**

**Convention on Cluster Munitions Transparency Reporting (Article 7)**

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Under Article 7 of the Convention on Cluster Munitions, States Parties are obliged to submit an initial transparency measures report no later than 180 days after entry into force for that State Party and an updated report by 30 April each year thereafter. The Cluster Muniton Coalition encourages states to submit their Article 7 transparency reports by the deadline and provide complete information, including definitive statements.

Some states are not providing definitive statements regarding their compliance obligations throughout their reports. Notably, some simply submit “not applicable” in response to particular information requests. It would be more useful, for example, for states to include a brief narrative statement on Form E on conversion of production facilities, i.e., “Country X never produced cluster munitions,” instead of simply putting “N/A” in the form.

**Initial Reporting**

According to the UN website as of 13 May 2016, a total of 72 States Parties have submitted an initial transparency report as required by Article 7 of the convention, representing 76% of States Parties for which the obligation applied at that time. This compliance rate represents a slight decrease from previous years.

A total of 23 States Parties have not submitted an initial transparency report:

Niger (28 Jan 2011)	Cook Islands (30 Jul 2012)	Guinea (19 Apr 2015)
Fiji (30 Apr 2011)	Dominican Rep. (28 Nov 2012)	Slovakia (30 Jun 2015)
Mali (30 May 2011)	Honduras (28 Feb 2013)	Belize (28 Aug 2015)
Comoros (30 Jun 2011)	Togo (29 May 2013)	Congo, Rep. of (27 Sep 2015)
Tunisia (28 Aug 2011)	Cameroon (30 Jun 2013)	Guyana (27 Sep 2015)
Cape Verde (28 Oct 2011)	Nauru (28 Jan 2014)	State of Palestine (27 Dec 2015)
Guinea-Bissau (28 Oct 2011)	Bolivia (30 Mar 2014)	Paraguay (28 Feb 2016)
Panama (28 Oct 2011)		South Africa (29 Apr 2016)

Five new States Parties have pending deadlines: Iceland (31 July 2016), Rwanda (31 July 2016), Colombia (28 August 2016), Cuba (30 March 2017), and Palau (30 March 2017).

**Annual reports for 2015**

As of 13 May 2016, only 51% of States Parties submitted annual reports for calendar year 2015. A total of 35 States Parties have yet to submit an annual update for 2015:

Andorra	Ghana	Moldova
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Grenada	Monaco
Botswana	Guatemala	Montenegro
Bulgaria	Hungary	Peru
Burkina Faso	Iraq	Saint-Vincent and Grenadines
Burundi	Ireland	Samoa
Chile	Italy	Senegal
Costa Rica	Lesotho	Seychelles
Denmark	Luxembourg	Sierra Leone
Ecuador	Macedonia FYR	Trinidad and Tobago

El Salvador France	Malawi Malta	Uruguay
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Of this group, 14 States Parties have failed to submit an annual transparency report for two or more years.

Among States Parties that have not submitted either an initial report or an update for 2015:

- Botswana, Bulgaria, France, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Peru, Slovakia, and South Africa possess stockpiles of cluster munitions.
- Bosnia and Herzegovina, Chile, Iraq, and Montenegro are contaminated with cluster munition remnants.