

## **Message from the Chair of the IER to States Parties and civil society organisations**

In the light of the unfortunate COVID-19 pandemic and the consequent suspension of many public and private activities, the three clusters of the IER were fortunate in having been able to complete the vast majority of the interviews they had planned to hold in The Hague during February and March, 2020.

Any further interviews will be held before 15 April 2020 by videoconference.

The members of the IER are working remotely and look forward to receiving further written submissions by the deadline of 15 April 2020. They plan to timeously issue their 30 June and 30 September reports to the Assembly of States Parties.

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