



Panel Discussion

Addressing anti-personnel mines of an improvised nature under the framework of the Convention

Wednesday, 1 July 2020, 16:15 – 17:15 CET

**Organizers: The Committee on Article 5 Implementation
(Austria, Canada, Norway, Zambia)**

Background

Since entry into force of the Convention, 31 of the 63 States Parties that have reported mined areas under their jurisdiction or control have indicated that they have fulfilled their clearance obligations. Implementation of the mine clearance provisions of the Convention by States Parties has significantly contributed to the decrease in the number of casualties since entry into force. However, since 2014, the Landmine Monitor has reported an increased number of casualties due, in part, to the increased use of anti-personnel mines of an improvised nature and other improvised explosive devices (IED).

In response to the rise in casualties, several disarmament Conventions increased their attention to the subject of IEDs and the respective legal frameworks that apply to addressing contamination and use of IEDs. The States Parties of the Anti-personnel Mine Ban Convention have addressed the issue of increased use of anti-personnel mines of an improvised nature by reemphasizing at the Seventeenth Meeting of the States Parties the importance of States Parties applying the provisions of the Convention to all types of anti-personnel mines (i.e. manufactured or of an improvised nature). The States Parties further elaborated on this understanding at the Fourth Review Conference with, amongst other, the adoption of the Oslo Action Plan.

The continued use of anti-personnel mines of an improvised nature has implications on the implementation of Article 5 and reporting obligations under Article 7 of the Convention.

Objectives

The objective of the panel is to explore the Oslo Action Plan's approach to addressing this matter based on the agreed understanding of the States Parties of the place of anti-personnel mines of an improvised nature within the Convention, explore best practices in reporting and the importance of the disaggregation of devices and available guidance.

The panel discussion will support the efforts of the Committee on Article 5 Implementation to raise awareness of the importance of States Parties addressing anti-personnel mines of an improvised nature under the framework of the Convention and the guidance available to States that face contamination by anti-personnel mines of an improvised nature in territory under their jurisdiction or control.

Format

Brief 7 - 8 minutes presentations, Q&A session

The panel will be held in an interactive format, beginning with introductory remarks by the presenters which will lay the ground for a question and answer session.

Participants are invited to forward questions or comments in advance to: isu@apminebanconvention.org (please reference the name of the panel in your email) by **25 June**.

Panel

Moderator: **Sachi Claringbould**, First Secretary and Deputy Permanent Representative to the Conference on Disarmament, Permanent Mission of the Netherlands

- **Lucy Pinches**, Project Manager, Mine Action Review
- **Jérôme Collard-Proulx**, Second Secretary, Permanent Mission of Canada, and Chair of the Committee on Article 5 Implementation
- **Mohammad Akbar Oriakhil**, Head of Planning and Programme, Directorate of Mine Action Coordination (DMAC), State Ministry for Disaster Management and Humanitarian Affairs of Afghanistan
- **Hans Risser**, Regional Director Africa, Latin America, Middle East, Norwegian People's Aid
- **Rory Logan**, Secretary of the IMAS Review Board and Advisor IHL and Policy, Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining