



Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention
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Guidance for Participants

The 2019 intersessional meetings' programme is divided into thematic matters. Delegations are encouraged to prepare presentations on these thematic matters using the questions provided in this document and place an emphasis on providing only new information since the Seventeenth Meeting of the States Parties (17MSP).

Given the volume of work that must be dealt with during this year's 1.5 day intersessional meetings, unless otherwise indicated **delegations providing updates on progress in implementation of their commitments under the Convention will be asked to limit their interventions to 5 minutes. Other States Parties and organisations that wish to take the floor following the interventions from these States Parties are asked to limit their interventions to 3 minutes.** Delegations are requested to transmit the additional information that cannot be covered within the time allocated for presentations in a lengthier document that can be made available to all participants through the Convention's website by the ISU, preferably in advance of the intersessional meetings if possible.

Finally, in preparing presentations, delegations are **encouraged to reflect on gender and diversity matters and, where possible, include age- and sex-disaggregated data.**

Agenda item 2: Matters related to the mandate of the Committee on Victim Assistance

During this agenda item the Committee will present its preliminary observations on the implementation by States Parties of their victim assistance commitments under the *Maputo Action Plan* (Actions #12 to 18) and invite relevant States Parties¹ to offer updates.

Following the presentation by the Committee and relevant States Parties, other States Parties and organisations will be invited to take the floor to address matters related to the updated information presented by delegations.

Questions for States Parties implementing Victim Assistance commitments under the Convention (Agenda item 2.b.i.)

1. What improvements have been made to increase the well-being and guarantee the rights of mine victims since the last update provided at the 17MSP in line with Action #12 to #18 of the Maputo Action Plan?
2. What are the main challenges that remain to be addressed and what are the obstacles to overcoming these challenges?

¹ Afghanistan, Albania, Angola, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Burundi, Cambodia, Chad, Colombia, Croatia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Guinea-Bissau, Iraq, Jordan, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Peru, Senegal, Serbia, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Tajikistan, Thailand, Uganda, Yemen and Zimbabwe.

3. What, if relevant, are the main priorities for assistance in the implementation of your State's Victim Assistance obligations?

Agenda item 3: Matters related to the mandate of the Committee on Article 5 Implementation

During this agenda item the Committee will present its preliminary observations on the implementation of Article 5 and on the implementation of the mine clearance actions of the *Maputo Action Plan* (Actions #8 to #11) and invite relevant States Parties² to offer updates in accordance with the categories of States Parties stipulated below.

Agenda item 3.b.i.: States Parties that have indicated that they will complete implementation by their 2020 deadline will be invited to take the floor (5 minutes). Following presentations by the relevant States Parties, the floor will be open to other States Parties and organisations to address matters related to the updates provided (3 minutes).

Questions to consider in the presentations by States Parties that indicated they would complete implementation by their deadline in 2020 (5 minutes)

1. What progress has been made in the implementation of your State's national demining programme since the last update provided to the States Parties at the 17MSP?
2. What work remains in order for your State to be in compliance with its obligation to have destroyed or ensured the destruction of all anti-personnel mines in mined areas under your State's jurisdiction or control?
3. What is your State's plan to destroy or ensure the destruction of all anti-personnel mines in mined areas under your State's jurisdiction or control by 2020?

Agenda item 3.b.ii.: States Parties requesting an extension of their Article 5 deadline in 2019 will be invited to offer an overview of their extension request (presentations should be 5-8 minutes and additional guidance will be provided by the Committee) followed by an invitation for other States Parties and organisations to take the floor (3 minutes) to address matters related to that State Party's request for extension. This process will continue alphabetically with each requesting State Party.

Questions to consider in the presentations by States Parties that have requested or have indicated that they will request extensions of their Article 5 deadlines (5-8 minutes)

1. What are the circumstances that impede the ability of your State to destroy or ensure the destruction of all anti-personnel mines in mined areas under your State's jurisdiction or control?
2. What work remains in order for your State to be in compliance with its obligation to have destroyed or ensured the destruction of all anti-personnel mines in mined areas under your State's jurisdiction or control?
4. What is the amount of time requested and what is the rationale for this request?

² Afghanistan, Angola, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cambodia, Chad, Chile, Colombia, Croatia, Cyprus, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Iraq, Niger, Oman, State of Palestine, Peru, Senegal, Serbia, Somalia, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Tajikistan, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Yemen and Zimbabwe.

5. What is your State's plan to destroy or ensure the destruction of all anti-personnel mines in mined areas under your State's jurisdiction or control?
6. What, if any, are the main challenges faced and what are the priorities for external assistance in the fulfilment of your State's Article 5 obligations up to and during the requested extension period?

Agenda item 3.b.iii.: States Parties submitting updated work plans³ will be invited to present their progress in implementation (presentations should be 5 minutes. Additional guidance will be provided by the Committee) followed by an invitation to other States Parties and organisations to take the floor (3 minutes) to address matters related to the updated information presented by delegations.

Questions for consideration in the presentations by States Parties submitting updated work plans (3-5 minutes)

The Committee will send further guidance, in the form of a presentation template, in which the following issues could be addressed:

1. What progress has been made in the implementation of your State's national demining programme since the last update provided to the States Parties at the 17MSP?
2. What work remains in order for your State to be in compliance with its Article 5 obligations?
3. What is your State's plan for implementation of Article 5?
4. Is your State on track to fulfilling its mine clearance obligations under Article 5 by its deadline?
5. What, if any, are the main challenges faced and what are your priorities for external assistance to support your State's fulfilment of its Article 5 obligations?

Agenda item 3.b.iv.: Other States Parties implementing Article 5 obligations will be invited to present their progress in implementation (presentations should be 3 minutes) followed by an invitation to other States Parties and organisations to take the floor (3 minutes) to address matters related to the updated information presented by delegations.

Questions for consideration in the presentations by all other States Parties in the process of implementing Article 5 (3 minutes)

1. What progress has been made in the implementation of your State's national demining programme since the last update provided to the States Parties at the 17MSP?
2. What work remains in order for your State to be in compliance with its Article 5 obligations?
3. What is your State's plan for the implementation of Article 5?
4. Is your State on track to fulfilling its mine clearance obligations under Article 5 by its deadline?
5. What, if any, are the main challenges faced and what are your priorities for external assistance to support your State's fulfilment of its Article 5 obligations?

³ Ecuador, Thailand, Ukraine and Zimbabwe.

Agenda item 3.b.v.: lastly, other States Parties and organisations with general remarks on Article 5 implementation will be given the floor (3 minutes).

Agenda item 4: Matters related to the mandate of the Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance

During this agenda item the Committee will present its preliminary observations on the Committee's efforts to promote cooperation and assistance and facilitate the fostering of partnerships for the implementation of Article 6 and implementation of the relevant actions of the *Maputo Action Plan* (Actions #19 to #24).

Following the presentation by the Committee, States Parties and organisations will be invited to take the floor to address matters related to the information presented by delegations.

Questions for consideration by States Parties seeking assistance (Agenda item 4.b.i)

1. What efforts has your State carried out to encourage support to flow to the national mine action program including by carrying out actions that demonstrate high-level national ownership as defined by the States Parties, including by ensuring:
 - i. high level interest and leadership in fulfilling obligations and addressing challenge;
 - ii. State entity empowered and provided with the human, financial and material capacity to carry out its responsibilities;
 - iii. a clear understanding of the size, location and quality of the challenge or a commitment to promptly acquire such an understanding;
 - iv. a realistic but not unambitious plan to address the challenge as soon as possible; and
 - v. a regular significant national financial commitment by the affected State itself.
2. What challenges does your State face in this regard and what have been the results of these efforts?

Questions for consideration by States Parties in a position to provide assistance (Agenda item 4.b.ii.)

1. How has your State developed and promoted bilateral, regional and international cooperation, including South-South cooperation by sharing its national experience and good practices, resources, technology and expertise to implement the Convention?
2. How has your State effectively used all possible avenues to support States Parties seeking assistance to complete implementation of their mine clearance obligations and to support mine risk education, stockpile destruction, adoption of appropriate national implementation measures, as well as meeting victims' needs and guaranteeing their rights?

Agenda item 5: Matters related to the mandate of the Committee on Cooperative Compliance

During this agenda item the Committee will present its preliminary observations and invite relevant States Parties⁴ to offer updates, in accordance with the *Maputo Action Plan* (Actions #28 and #29),

⁴ Sudan, Ukraine and Yemen.

on the situation in their State, on ongoing investigations and on measures in place to prevent and suppress activities prohibited by the Convention.

Following the presentation by the Committee and relevant States Parties, other States Parties and organisations will be invited to take the floor to address matters related to the updated information presented by delegations.

Questions for consideration by States Parties in which allegations of use of anti-personnel mines have been reported (Agenda item 5.b.i)

1. Can your State provide updated information on measures taken to address the allegations of use of anti-personnel mines in your State?
2. If it has not yet done so, what progress has your State made to take, no later than the 2019 Fourth Review Conference, all appropriate legal, administrative and other measures to prevent and suppress any activity that is prohibited under this Convention undertaken by persons or on territory under its jurisdiction or control?

Questions for consideration by all States Parties (Agenda item 5.b.ii)

If it has not yet done so, what progress has your State made to take, no later than the 2019 Fourth Review Conference, all appropriate legal, administrative and other measures to prevent and suppress any activity that is prohibited under this Convention undertaken by persons or on territory under its jurisdiction or control?

Agenda item 6: Matters related to the mandate of the President

Universalization (Agenda item 6.a)

During this agenda item the President will present his activities on universalization. The President will then invite interested States not party participating in the meeting to take the floor to provide updates on steps they are taking to accede to the Convention.

The President will then give the floor to other States Parties and organisations to offer updates on any other matter concerning universalization in accordance with the *Maputo Action Plan* (Actions #1 to #4).

Questions for consideration by States not party (Agenda item 6.a.ii)

1. Has your State taken any practical steps, such as formalised commitments not to use, produce or transfer anti-personnel, or to destroy stockpiles?
2. What is your position on ratifying or acceding to the Convention in the near term, in the medium term and in the long term?
3. What is the primary reason for your State not acceding to the Convention?

Questions for consideration by all States Parties (Agenda item 6.a.iii)

1. What actions has your State taken since the 17MSP to promote formal adherence to the Convention by States not party?

2. What actions has your State taken to condemn violation of the Convention's norms? (Maputo Action Plan Action #2)

Stockpile destruction (Agenda item 6b)

During this agenda item, the President will present his activities on matters related to stockpile destruction under Article 4 and on matters related to numbers of anti-personnel mines retained for training and other permitted purposes under Article 3. Relevant States Parties⁵ will be invited to offer updates in accordance with the Maputo Action Plan (Action #5 -#7 and Action #27).

The President will then give the floor to other States Parties and organisations to address matters related to the updated information presented by delegations.

Questions for consideration by States Parties which are in the process of implementing Article 4 (Agenda item 6.b.ii)

1. What is your State's plan to intensify efforts to ensure completion of remaining / ongoing Article 4 obligations as soon as possible? (Maputo Action Plan Action #5)
2. What progress has been achieved by your State in the implementation of Article 4 since the Sixteenth Meeting of the States Parties?
3. Are there any issues of concern or challenges faced by your State's in its efforts to achieve the destruction of stockpiled anti-personnel mines?
4. What is your expected completion date?

Questions for consideration by States Parties which have reported anti-personnel mines retained under Article 3 (Agenda item 6.b.iii)

1. Since the 2014 Maputo Review Conference, has your State "reviewed the number of retained anti-personnel mines to ensure that they constitute the minimum number absolutely necessary for permitted purposes"? (Maputo Action Plan Action #27)
2. Has your State destroyed all those anti-personnel mines exceeding that number and where appropriate explored available alternatives to using live anti-personnel mines for training and research activities? (Maputo Action Plan Action #27)
3. What are the purposes for which retained mines have been used and what have been the results of this use, including for example:
 - a. What mine detection, mine clearance or destruction techniques have been / are being developed?
 - b. What mine detection, clearance or destruction training has been carried out?
 - c. What number of personnel has been trained and to what standard?
4. Can your State explain any increase or decrease in the number of retained anti-personnel mines? (Maputo Action Plan Action #27)

⁵ Greece, Oman and Sri Lanka.