



Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer
of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON
MINE CLEARANCE, MINE RISK EDUCATION AND MINE ACTION TECHNOLOGIES**

Co-Chairs' suggestions on ways to prepare for the 21-22 June Standing Committee meeting

Introduction

During the final meeting of the Standing Committee prior to the Review Conference, it will be crucial that relevant States Parties communicate their "4Ps" and best make use of the Standing Committee as means to highlight progress and ongoing challenges. As well, those in a position to do so should act with urgency to assist the mine-affected States parties in overcoming their challenges.

Updates from relevant States Parties on the status of implementation

The 5MSP called upon States Parties: to ensure that prior to the Review Conference plans are in place consistent with the Convention's deadlines and to use the opportunity presented by the Intersessional Programme to present problems, plans, progress and priorities for assistance – the "4Ps". More than 20 mine-affected States Parties made presentations at the February meeting. Therefore, the 25+ mine-affected States Parties that did not speak in February may wish to provide an update in June. Those that did make presentations in February may wish to provide additional information in June.

Suggestions on ways to prepare:

- *Mine-affected States Parties may wish to use the suggested framework and template to prepare presentations and to communicate plans to implement Article 5.¹*

Updates regarding assistance and cooperation

Following a scene-setting presentation by the UNDP on mainstreaming mine action into development, the Co-Chairs will provide relevant actors with an opportunity to share information on this topic and on steps to renew commitments to ensure a sustainability of necessary resources.

Suggestions on ways to prepare:

- *States Parties and organizations may wish to share information on their commitments to ensuring that resources are provided to support those States that need assistance.*

Mine risk education: Overview of progress made and challenges that remain

Article 6 calls upon each State Party in a position to do so to provide assistance for what is now known as mine risk education. Following a scene-setting presentation by the ICBL and UNICEF, relevant actors may wish to comment on progress in this area and challenges that remain.

Survey of progress made and ongoing work in mine action technologies

In February the Co-Chairs again convened a group of experts in order that they could bring forward a concise update on the state of global research, development and application of relevant technologies.

Suggestions on ways to prepare:

- *Interested actors may wish to review the conclusions drawn by the experts in February. (See "A roadmap to bring appropriate and improved technologies into operational use", which can be found on the GICHD web site or by contacting isu@gichd.ch.)*

¹ See documents #4 and #5.