



**QUESTIONNAIRE FOR STATES PARTIES THAT ARE IN THE PROCESS OF
FULFILLING ARTICLE 5 OBLIGATIONS**

**Standing Committee on Mine Clearance, Mine Risk Education and Mine Action Technologies
June 4-5, 2008**

Background:

The *Nairobi Action Plan* refers to the Intersessional Work Programme as being a mechanism to be used to “monitor and actively promote the achievement of mine clearance goals and the identification of assistance needs.” To maximize the opportunity presented by this mechanism in 2008, the Co-Chairs invite the States Parties which are in the process of fulfilling Article 5 mine clearance obligations to prepare 6-8 minute updates to be provided at the 4-5 June meeting of the Standing Committee.ⁱ

Questions:

1. *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 as soon as possible?*
2. *What progress has been made in the implementation of your State’s national demining programme since the last time that an update was provided to the Standing Committee?*
3. *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, if any, circumstances may 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 within ten years after entry into force of the Convention for your State? What is the prospective end-date for your State to have fully implemented Article 5?*
5. *What financial and technical means has your State dedicated to ensuring the fulfillment of your State’s Article 5 obligations?*
6. *What new methodologies, if any, are being explored or have been employed in your State’s effort to fulfill its Article 5 obligations before its deadline?*
7. *If mine action in your country is still conducted or partially managed by foreign organizations and / or international organizations, what are the steps that your State has taken to develop its national capacity?*
8. *What, if any, are your priorities for external assistance to support your State’s fulfillment of its Article 5 obligations?*

ⁱ Given that many States Parties have already provided comprehensive background presentations on the situations in their countries, we would request that only new information be provided to the Standing Committee.