

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

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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR STATES PARTIES IN A POSITION TO ASSIST THOSE IN THE PROCESS OF FULFILLING ARTICLE 5 OBLIGATIONS

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BACKGROUND:

Action #23 of the *Nairobi Action Plan* indicates that "States Parties in a position to do so will act upon their obligations under Article 6 (3) and 6 (4) to promptly assist States Parties with clearly demonstrated needs for external support for mine clearance and mine risk education, responding to the priorities for assistance as articulated by the mine-affected States Parties themselves and ensuring the continuity and sustainability of resource commitments"

In addition, the 1999-2004 review of the Convention, which was adopted by the First Review Conference, noted the challenge of ensuring a renewed commitment "through means such as dedicated funds to assist in the implementation of the Convention and by mainstreaming support to mine action through broader humanitarian, development, peace-building and peace support programmes."

This point was further emphasized in the *Zagreb Progress Report* in which it is noted that "States Parties in a position to do so should act with greater urgency to fulfill their obligations under Article 6 of the Convention, taking into account the importance of providing necessary support until implementation of Article 5 obligations has been completed."

QUESTIONS FOR STATES PARTIES "IN A POSITION TO DO SO" TO CONSIDER USING AS GUIDANCE IN PREPARING A PRESENTATION TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE:

- 1. What has your State done, since the First Review Conference, to promptly assist States Parties with clearly demonstrated needs for external support for mine clearance and mine risk education?
- 2. Since the First Review Conference, how has your State used the following means to provide support in the fulfillment of Article 5 obligations?
 - a. <u>Dedicated funds</u> to assist in the implementation of the Convention?
 - b. The integration of support to mine action into humanitarian programmes?
 - c. The integration of support to mine action into development programmes?
 - d. The integration of support to mine action into peace-building programmes?
 - e. The integration of support to mine action into peace support programmes?
- 3. What are your plans between now and the Second Review Conference to ensure the continuity and sustainability of resource commitments?