

TENTH MEETING OF THE STATES PARTIES

29 November – 3 December 2010
Geneva, Switzerland

Guide to the Provisional Programme

MONDAY 29 NOVEMBER

10:00 – 11:00

Opening ceremony

An opening ceremony will feature the participation of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Albania and Switzerland and the President of the International Committee of the Red Cross. Delegates are asked to be in their seats promptly by 10:00.

11:00 – 13:00

1. Official opening of the meeting.

The 10MSP will be officially opened by Ambassador Susan Eckey of Norway, President of the Second Review Conference.

2. Election of the President.

The Second Review Conference agreed to designate, as President of the 10MSP, H.E. Gazmend Turdiu, Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Albania.

3. Brief messages delivered by or on behalf of Nobel Peace Prize laureate Jody Williams, the President of the Council of Foundation of the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining and the Secretary General of the United Nations.

In keeping with tradition at Meetings of the State Parties (MSPs), brief messages will be delivered.

4. Adoption of the agenda.

At the 25 June 2010 meeting of the Standing Committee on the General Status and Operation of the Convention, a draft agenda was presented. The Co-Chairs concluded that this was acceptable to the States Parties for adoption at the 10MSP.

President-Designate of the Tenth Meeting of the States Parties
c/o AP Mine Ban Convention Implementation Support Unit
Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining

5. Election of the Vice-Presidents.

In keeping with tradition at MSPs, the Co-Chairs of the Standing Committees will be nominated to serve as Vice-Presidents of the 10MSP, namely: Bulgaria, Ecuador, Greece, Indonesia, Nigeria, Peru, Slovenia and Turkey.

6. Confirmation of the Secretary-General.

In keeping with tradition at MSPs, the host country has nominated a Secretary-General, namely, Ambassador Jürg Lauber of Switzerland.

7. Organization of work.

At the 25 June 2010 meeting of the Standing Committee on the General Status and Operation of the Convention, a draft programme was presented. The Co-Chairs concluded that this was acceptable to the States Parties for adoption at the 10MSP.

8. General exchange of views.

Given the volume of work that must be dealt with at the Tenth Meeting, States Parties and observers are encouraged to refrain from making general statements but rather provide updates on implementation on thematic matters indicated in agenda item 12. In addition, if they wish, delegations can distribute written statements rather than deliver oral statements.

15:00 – 18:00

9. Informal presentation of **requests submitted under Article 5** and of the analysis of these requests.

Requests for extensions of deadlines for the destruction of anti-personnel mines in mined areas in accordance with Article 5 have been submitted by Chad, Colombia, Denmark, Guinea-Bissau, Mauritania and Zimbabwe. Requesting States Parties should prepare presentations (6-8 minutes) on the key aspects of their extension requests. These presentations will be followed by the President of the Second Review Conference presenting an analysis of each request. All delegations will then have a chance to ask questions and make comments on each request. (The actual formal consideration of the requests will take place on Friday 3 December.) To prepare for this item, delegations may wish to review the requests that have been submitted.

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10:00 – 13:00

9. Informal presentation of requests submitted under Article 5 and of the analysis of these requests (continued).

15:00 – 18:00

10. Enhancing international **cooperation and assistance** in the context of the Convention.

The 10MSP will feature a discussion in follow up to the 25 June 2010 Special Session on International Cooperation and Assistance. To prepare for this item, delegations may wish to review the background papers that were prepared for the June session, the relevant portions

of the draft Geneva Progress Report 2009-2010, and any additional papers that may be prepared on this matter in advance of the 10MSP.

WEDNESDAY 1 DECEMBER

10:00 – 13:00

- 11(a) Consideration of the general status and operation of the Convention:
Assisting the victims.

States Parties that have indicated that they are responsible for significant numbers of landmine survivors may wish to consider providing brief updates (6-8 minutes) on steps they have taken to apply actions #23 through #33 of the Cartagena Action Plan. All delegations may wish to review and comment on the relevant portions of the draft Geneva Progress Report 2009-2010.

15:00 – 18:00

- 11(a) Consideration of the general status and operation of the Convention:
Assisting the victims (continued).

- 11(b) Consideration of the general status and operation of the Convention:
Clearing mined areas.

States Parties that have been granted an extension to their initial mine clearance deadlines¹ are requested to provide brief updates (6-8 minutes) on how they are proceeding with implementation in accordance with the commitments made in their extension requests and the decisions taken on their requests.

Other States Parties that are continuing to implement Article 5 of the Convention² may wish to provide brief updates (6-8 minutes) on steps they have taken to apply actions #14 through #20 of the Cartagena Action Plan. All delegations may wish to review and comment on the relevant portions of the draft Geneva Progress Report 2009-2010.

THURSDAY 2 DECEMBER

10:00 – 13:00

- 11(b) Consideration of the general status and operation of the Convention:
Clearing mined areas (continued).

15:00 – 18:00

- 11(c) Consideration of the general status and operation of the Convention:
Destroying stockpiled anti-personnel mines.

States Parties that have missed their deadlines for completion of stockpile destruction obligations³ under Article 4 of the Convention are requested to provide brief updates (6-8

¹ Argentina, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cambodia, Croatia, Ecuador, Jordan, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Peru, Senegal, Tajikistan, Thailand, Uganda, United Kingdom, Venezuela and Yemen.

² Afghanistan, Angola, Algeria, Bhutan, Burundi, Chile, Congo, Cyprus, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Iraq, Nigeria, Serbia, Sudan and Turkey.

³ Belarus, Greece, Turkey and Ukraine.

minutes) on steps they have taken to apply actions #7 through #9 of the Cartagena Action Plan. All delegations may wish to review and comment on the relevant portions of the draft Geneva Progress Report 2009-2010.

11(d) Consideration of the general status and operation of the Convention:
Universalizing the Convention.

The Coordinator of the Universalization Contact Group and the President's Special Envoy on the Universalization of the Convention will provide updates. States not parties may wish to provide updates on steps they are taking towards accession to the Convention. Delegations may wish to provide brief updates on steps they have taken to apply actions #1 through #6 of the Cartagena Action Plan. In addition, delegations may wish to review and comment on the relevant portions of the draft Geneva Progress Report 2009-2010.

FRIDAY 3 DECEMBER

10:00 – 13:00

12. Evaluation of the Implementation Support Unit.

States Parties may wish to review the outcomes of the work of the ISU Task Force.

11(e)i. Consideration of the general status and operation of the Convention:
Other matters essential for achieving the Convention's aims – Transparency and the exchange of information.

The Coordinator of the Article 7 Contact Group will provide an update. Delegations may wish to review and comment on the relevant portions of the draft Geneva Progress Report 2009-2010 and / or provide brief updates on steps they have taken to apply relevant parts of the Cartagena Action Plan.

11(e)ii. Consideration of the general status and operation of the Convention:
Other matters essential for achieving the Convention's aims – Preventing and suppressing prohibited activities and facilitating compliance.

Delegations may wish to review and comment on the relevant portions of the draft Geneva Progress Report 2009-2010 and / or provide brief updates on steps they have taken to apply relevant parts of the Cartagena Action Plan.

11(e)iii. Consideration of the general status and operation of the Convention:
Other matters essential for achieving the Convention's aims – Implementation support.

Delegations may wish to comment on the outcomes of the work undertaken by the Coordinating Committee in 2010 to review the Intersessional Work Programme. In addition, delegations may wish to review and comment on the relevant portions of the draft Geneva Progress Report 2009-2010 and / or provide brief updates on steps they have taken to apply relevant parts of the Cartagena Action Plan. As well, it will be proposed that eight States Parties will be elected to serve as Co-Rapporteurs of the Standing Committees and that meetings of the Standing Committees take place 20-24 June 2011 in Geneva.

15:00 – 18:00

13. Consideration of requests submitted under Article 5.

The States Parties will be asked to take decisions on the requests submitted by Chad, Colombia, Denmark, Guinea-Bissau, Mauritania and Zimbabwe for extensions of Article 5 mine clearance deadlines.

14. Consideration of matters arising from / in the context of reports submitted under Article 7

15. Consideration of requests submitted under Article 8

16. Date, duration and location of the Eleventh Meeting of the States Parties, and matters pertaining to the preparations for the Eleventh Meeting.

The States Parties will be asked to follow up on their Second Review Conference decision to warmly welcome the offer made by Cambodia to host and preside over the Eleventh Meeting of the States Parties (11MSP). It will be proposed that the 11MSP take place from 28 November to 2 December 2011 in Phnom Penh and that the following be designated President of the 11MSP: H.E. Prak Sokhonn, Minister Attached to Prime Minister and Vice-Chair of Cambodian Mine Action and Victim Assistance Authority.

17. Any other business

18. Consideration and adoption of the final document

The States Parties will be asked to adopt the Final Report of the Tenth Meeting of the States Parties.

19. Closure of the Tenth Meeting of the States Parties

The Tenth Meeting of the States Parties will be closed by its President, H.E. Gazmend Turdiu of Albania.