



Informal meeting to discuss preparations for the Eleventh Meeting of the States Parties

Monday 5 September – 15:00-18:00
World Meteorological Organization Building
Salle A

Agenda

1. Review of the 11MSP programme

At the 24 June meeting of the Standing Committee on the General Status and Operation of the Convention, the President-Designate presented a draft agenda and programme to the States Parties. The Co-Chairs concluded that this programme was generally acceptable to the States Parties.

2. Actions for consideration by the States Parties at the 11MSP

a. Comments on the draft *Phnom Penh Progress Report 2010-2011*

In June, the President-Designate informed the States Parties that he will produce a progress report to support the application of the Cartagena Action Plan by measuring progress since the 10MSP and highlighting priority areas of work to be acted upon between the 11MSP and the 12MSP. It was noted that the Progress Report would draw extensively on Article 7 transparency reports and the updates provided by States Parties at the 20-24 June 2011 meetings of the Standing Committees.

b. Update on Article 5 extension requests

The 11MSP will need to consider requests for mine clearance extensions that have been submitted by Algeria, Chile, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Eritrea. The 10MSP President and the Co-Chairs and Co-Rapporteurs of the Standing Committees have been mandated to analyse these requests with a view to the analysis process being complete by the end of September.

c. Reminder on the 10MSP President's efforts related to an amended agreement between the States Parties and the GICHD on the Implementation Support Unit

The 10MSP President was mandated to conclude an amended agreement between the States Parties and the GICHD on the Implementation Support Unit. On 24 June, the 10MSP President presented a revised agreement to the meeting of the Standing Committee on the General Status and Operation of the Convention which he indicated

President-Designate of the Eleventh Meeting of the States Parties
c/o AP Mine Ban Convention Implementation Support Unit

was agreeable, in his view, both to States Parties and to the GICHD. The agreement is in the process of being translated in Arabic, English, French, Russian and Spanish and signed by the 10MSP President and GICHD Director.

d. Update on the 10MSP efforts related to the ISU funding model

The 10MSP mandated the 10MSP President to establish an informal open-ended working group to examine new models for financing the ISU. On 20 June, the 10MSP President reported on his efforts regarding the ISU funding model to the meeting of the Standing Committee on the General Status and Operation of the Convention. He concluded that, while there was a diversity of views regarding a financing model for the ISU, there was broad agreement regarding the value of a well functioning ISU and on the need to ensure it continued to deliver its high quality services to the States Parties. The 10MSP President expressed that the financing of the ISU's activities through a predictable, sustainable and equitable burden sharing funding model is of paramount importance and that he intended to continue consultations in order to reach agreement on the basic principles and elements for the most appropriate funding model.

e. Reminder on the proposal on rationalising the number of States Parties in leadership positions on Standing Committees

The 10MSP President was tasked with submitting ideas, in June 2011, regarding how many Co-Chairs / Co-Rapporteurs may be required to ensure the effective functioning of the mechanisms established by the States Parties, with a view to a decision to be taken on this matter at the 11MSP. At the 24 June 2011 meeting of the Standing Committee on the General Status and Operation of the Convention, the 10MSP President presented a proposal on rationalising the number of States Parties in leadership positions on Standing Committees. This proposal pointed to a reduction in the number of States Parties leading each Standing Committee to be reduced to two, with this reduction taking place over the course of two years. The Co-Chairs of the Standing Committee on the General Status and Operation of the Convention concluded that there was general support for this proposal and it was put forward to the 11MSP for a decision.

f. Update on dates for meetings in 2012, including the location and presidency of the Twelfth Meeting of the States Parties

Further to the announcement made on 24 June, it is proposed that meetings of the Standing Committees in 2012 take place the week of 21 to 25 May and that the Twelfth Meeting of the States Parties (12MSP) take place in Geneva from 3 to 7 December 2012. These dates have been proposed following a review of known or possible other events in the disarmament calendar in 2012.

In June, the States Parties were informed that the Permanent Representative of Slovenia to the United Nations in Geneva, His Excellency Matjaž Kovačič, has indicated that he would be pleased to offer his services to the States Parties by serving as the President of the 12MSP. The 11MSP President-Designate observed that this is a very positive development as Slovenia has a long standing commitment to the Convention and its presidency would continue to ensure that a wide diversity of States Parties has taken on this role of responsibility.

g. Appointment of new Co-Rapporteurs

In keeping with established tradition, the Co-Chairs of the Standing Committee on the General Status and Operation of the Convention undertook the task of consulting with States Parties to identify a list of nominees to serve as Co-Rapporteurs following the 11MSP. On 9 June 2011, the Co-Chairs wrote to all States Parties to indicate that they were seeking one Co-Rapporteur for each of the five Standing Committees, noting it was their expectation that over two years States Parties may arrive at an end state of two Co-Chairs for each Standing Committee, serving overlapping two-year terms. At the 20 June 2011 meeting of the Standing Committee on the General Status and Operation of the Convention, the Co-Chairs again reminded delegations of their 9 June 2011 written appeal.

h. Other possible actions

3. Updates on organizational matters

The host country, Executive Secretary (UNODA) and the ISU will provide a variety of updates on matters such as the opening ceremony, registration and side events.

4. Any other business