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# Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction

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## Fourteenth Meeting

Geneva, 30 November – 4 December 2015

### Item 1 of the provisional agenda

#### Opening session

## Provisional Programme of work<sup>12</sup>

### Submitted by the President

#### Monday 30 November

##### 9:00 – 11:00<sup>3</sup>

##### 1. Opening session

The Meeting will be opened by the President of the Fourteenth Meeting of the States Parties (14MSP), H.E. Bertrand de Crombrugge, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Belgium to the United Nations in Geneva.

- Adoption of the agenda

The Meeting will be invited to adopt its agenda as presented to delegations at the 25-26 June 2015 intersessional meetings.

- Election of the Vice-Presidents

The Meeting will be invited to elect the 8 outgoing members of the Convention's Committees as Vice-Presidents of the 14MSP: Afghanistan, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Indonesia, Netherlands, Poland and Zambia.

- Confirmation of the Secretary-General of the meeting

The Meeting will be invited to confirm, as Secretary-General of the 14MSP, H.E. Urs Schmid, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the Conference on Disarmament.

- Organisation of work

The President will present an overview of the organisation of work for the week.

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<sup>1</sup> The 14MSP has a flowing agenda.

<sup>2</sup> Late submission.

<sup>3</sup> Please note that from Tuesday, the meeting will revert to the traditional 10:00 morning start.



## **11:00 – 12:00**

- Ceremonial opening

The ceremonial opening will feature addresses by HRH Princess Astrid of Belgium and [OTHER HIGH LEVEL PRESENCE TO BE CONFIRMED]. As it has become a standing tradition at meetings of the States Parties, addresses will also be delivered by or on behalf of the UN Secretary-General, the President of the International Committee of the Red Cross, the International Campaign to Ban Landmines, and the President of the Council of Foundation of the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining.

## **15:00 – 16:00**

### 1. Opening session (continued)

- High Level session on victim assistance

Victim assistance remains at the heart of the States Parties. During the Bangkok Symposium on Landmine Victim Assistance (14-17 June 2015) participants stressed the importance of realizing the ambitions of the Maputo+15 Declaration and the implementation of the Maputo Action Plan with a view to ensuring the full, equal and effective participation of mine victims in society by adopting a comprehensive, long-term, multi-disciplinary, and sustainable approach to providing landmine victims assistance. The purpose of this session is to build upon the momentum created in Maputo and once again raise awareness for this very important topic in the presence of both victims and other experts.

## **16:00-18:00**

2. Operation and status of the Convention. Presentation, reporting, discussion and decision with regard to:

(c) Conclusions and recommendations related to the mandate of the Committee on Article 5 Implementation

- Informal presentation of requests submitted under Article 5 and of the analysis of these requests

The Meeting will need to consider requests for extensions of deadlines for the destruction of anti-personnel mines in mined areas in accordance with Article 5 that have been or will be submitted by Cyprus, Ethiopia, Mauritania, Niger and Senegal. In keeping with practices successfully employed since 2008, there will be an opportunity for informal presentations and discussions on extension requests with the States Parties. The Chair of the Committee on Article 5 Implementation will present an analysis of each request. To prepare for the discussion, delegations may wish to review the requests that have been submitted. The meeting will return to the formal consideration of requests later in the week.

## **Tuesday 1 December**

### **10:00 – 13:00**

Informal presentation of requests submitted under Article 5 and of the analysis of these requests (will continue if necessary)

2. Operation and status of the Convention. Presentation, reporting, discussion and decision with regard to:

(c) Conclusions and recommendations related to the mandate of the Committee on Article 5 Implementation

- Conclusions and recommendations of the Committee on Article 5 Implementation

The Chair of the Committee on Article 5 Implementation will present conclusions and recommendations related to the Committee's mandate. States Parties which have recently completed or are still in the process of clearing mined areas are invited to provide a brief update on steps taken to implement Actions #8 through #11 of the Maputo Action Plan.

### **15:00 – 18:00**

2. Operation and status of the Convention. Presentation, reporting, discussion and decision with regard to:

(a) Universalization

The President will provide an update on the status of universalization of the Convention. States not party to the Convention are invited to provide updates on steps taken or considered to accede to the Convention since the Third Review Conference. Other delegations are invited to provide updates on their efforts to implement Actions #1 through #4 of the Maputo Action Plan.

(b) Conclusions and recommendations related to the mandate of the Committee on Victim Assistance

The Chair of the Committee on Victim Assistance will present conclusions and recommendations related to the Committee's mandate. States Parties that have indicated that they are responsible for significant numbers of landmine survivors are invited to provide brief updates (6-8 minutes) on steps they have taken to implement Actions #12 through #18 of the Maputo Action Plan.

## **Wednesday 2 December**

### **10:00 – 13:00**

2. Operation and status of the Convention. Presentation, reporting, discussion and decision with regard to:

(d) Conclusions and recommendations related to the mandate of the Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance

The Chair of the Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance will present conclusions and recommendations related to the Committee's mandate. In addition, delegations may wish to review and comment on steps they have taken to implement Actions #19 through #24 of the Maputo Action Plan.

(e) Conclusions and recommendations related to the mandate of the Committee on Cooperative Compliance

The President, as Chair of the Committee on Cooperative Compliance, will present conclusions and recommendations related to the mandate of the Committee. Delegations are invited to comment on the conclusions of the Committee.

## 15:00 - 18:00

2. Operation and status of the Convention. Presentation, reporting, discussion and decision with regard to:

(f) Stockpile Destruction

The President will provide an update on matters related to stockpile destruction under Article 4. States Parties that have fulfilled their stockpile destruction obligations since the Third Review Conference are invited to provide information. States Parties still in the process of destroying stockpiled anti-personnel mines (including previously unknown stockpiles) are requested to provide brief updates (6-8 minutes) on steps they have taken to implement Actions #5 through #7 of the Maputo Action Plan.

3. Transparency, initiative on reporting

The President will present an updated version of his Guide to Reporting as presented to delegations at the 25-26 June 2015 intersessional meetings. The Guide to Reporting is intended to assist States Parties in the fulfilment of their Article 7 obligations. The guide proposes a comprehensive way of structuring the existing obligations and engagements in the field of reporting. Delegations are invited to provide comments and views on transparency and the exchange of information in general and on the Guide to Reporting in particular. States Parties will be invited to adopt the Guide to Reporting and to recommend it for use by the States Parties when reporting under Article 7 of the Convention.

## Thursday 3 December

### 10:00 – 13:00

4. Administrative and financial issues

(a) Report by the Implementation Support Unit, audited statements

In accordance with the “Directive from the States Parties to the ISU” adopted by the 10MSP, the Implementation Support Unit will report orally on its activities, functioning and its finances. The ISU 2014 audited financial statement, an interim report on the 2015 activities, functioning and finances of the Implementation Support Unit as well as a preliminary 2015 financial report have been made available to delegations. The Meeting will be invited to approve the report on the activities and finances of the ISU and the ISU’s 2014 audited financial statement.

(b) Presentation, discussion and decision with regard to strengthening financial governance and transparency within the ISU

During the 2015 intersessional meetings it was recommended to develop recommendations on strengthening the financial governance and transparency within the ISU, to increase transparency, predictability, accountability, and ownership by States Parties of the work of the ISU through the adoption of a number of measures including a four-year work plan (2016-2019) which distinguishes between core support and enhanced support, an annual budget, and a financial security buffer.

(c) Presentation, discussion and adoption of the work plan and budget 2016-2019

During the 2015 intersessional meetings it was recommended that a small group of friends of the President, comprised of Chile as the incoming President, as well as Mozambique and Australia, develop, in cooperation with the ISU Director, a four-year work plan and budget for the ISU, beginning in 2016, which sets out the activities required to meet the objectives

of the Maputo Plan of Action (2014-2019). States Parties will have the opportunity to engage in discussion on the work plan and the Meeting will be asked to adopt the ISU Work Plan and budget for 2016-2019.

### **15:00 – 18:00**

- (d) Presentation, discussion and adoption of the work plan and budget 2016

Further to the “Directive from the States Parties to the ISU” adopted by the 10MSP which instructs the ISU to propose and present a work plan and budget for the activities of the ISU for the following year to the Coordinating Committee for endorsement and subsequently to MSPs for approval, the 14MSP will be asked to approve the work plan and budget for the activities of the ISU in 2016.

- (e) ISU Recruitments

States Parties will be invited to approve the job description and the selection procedure for the recruitment of a new ISU Director, as well as a set of principles for future recruitments.

- (f) Sponsorship Programme

The Coordinator of the Sponsorship Programme will provide an update.

## **Friday 4 December**

### **10:00 – 13:00**

2. Operation and status of the Convention. Presentation, reporting, discussion and decision with regard to:

- (c) Conclusions and recommendations related to the mandate of the Committee on Article 5 Implementation (continued)

The Meeting will be invited to take decisions on the requests for extended mine clearance deadlines which have been submitted Cyprus, Ethiopia, Mauritania, Niger and Senegal.

5. Preparation of the Fifteenth Meeting of the States Parties

- (b) Designation of new Committee members

The Meeting will be invited to agree that [NAME OF STATES PARTIES] will serve as Committee members from the end of the 14MSP for a two-year term:

- Committee on Article 5 Implementation: [NAME OF STATES PARTIES]
- Committee on Cooperative Compliance: [NAME OF STATES PARTIES]
- Committee on Victim Assistance: [NAME OF STATES PARTIES]
- Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance: [NAME OF STATES PARTIES]

If the Meeting agrees to this proposal, the above-mentioned States Parties would join the following States Parties which would be completing the second year of their two year-term between the end of the 14MSP and the end of the 15MSP:

- Committee on Article 5 Implementation: Ecuador and Ireland
- Committee on Cooperative Compliance: Algeria and Canada

- Committee on Victim Assistance: Senegal and Thailand
- Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance: Mexico and Switzerland.

### **15:00 – 18:00**

#### 5. Preparation of the Fifteenth Meeting of the States Parties

It was recalled that the Third Review Conference warmly welcomed the offer made by Chile to host and preside over the Fifteenth Meeting of the States Parties.

##### (a) Designation of the President of the Fifteenth Meeting of the States Parties

The Meeting will be invited to agree that the Convention's Fifteenth Meeting of the States Parties take place from 28 November to 2 December 2016 in Santiago, Chile and that [NAME] be designated to preside over the Fifteenth Meeting of the States Parties.

##### (c) Preparation for the 2016 intersessional meetings and the Fifteenth Meeting of the States Parties

The Meeting will be invited to agree that the 2016 intersessional meetings take place on [19-20 May 2016]. Also, Chile will present its initial ideas and concept for the Fifteenth Meeting of the States Parties.

##### (d) Decision on estimated costs and budget for the Fifteenth Meeting of the States Parties

The Meeting will be invited to adopt cost estimates for the Fifteenth Meeting of the States Parties.

#### 6. Any other business

#### 7. Consideration and adoption of the final report of the Fourteenth Meeting of the States Parties

The Meeting will be invited to adopt its final report and the President of the Fourteenth Meeting of the States Parties will deliver his closing remarks.

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