



Annotated Provisional Programme of Work

Monday 18 December

10:00 – 13:00

1. Opening ceremony

The opening ceremony will feature addresses of high level representatives.

2. Official opening of the meeting

The meeting will be opened by the President of the Sixteenth Meeting of the States Parties (16MSP), Ambassador Thomas Hajnoczi of Austria.

3. Adoption of the agenda

The meeting will be asked to adopt its agenda, which was presented to delegations on 9 June at the intersessional meetings.

4. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the meeting and of other officers

The meeting will be asked to elect the eight outgoing members of the Committees as Vice-Presidents of the 16MSP: Belgium, Colombia, Costa Rica, the Netherlands, Peru, Sweden, Uganda and Zambia.

5. Confirmation of the Secretary-General of the meeting

The meeting will be asked to confirm, as Secretary-General of the 16MSP Ambassador Wolfgang Angerholzer of Austria.

6. Organisation of work

The meeting will be asked to adopt its programme as contained in the document, which was presented to delegations on 9 June at the intersessional meetings.

7. General exchange of views¹

¹ Given the volume of work that must be dealt with at the Sixteenth 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 11. In addition, if they wish, delegations can distribute written statements rather than deliver oral statements.

Delegations will be given the opportunity to deliver brief general statements. Interested delegations should contact the Implementation Support Unit to be inscribed in the speakers' list. For those delegations that do not wish to deliver oral statements, written statements can be distributed and made available on the Convention's website.

15:00 – 16:00

8. Panel: "20 Years of Success: Fulfilling the Promise of the Convention by 2025"

Since its adoption, the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention has become a global success story, a trail-blazer for humanitarian disarmament. Its achievements have positively impacted thousands of peoples' lives around the globe with 162 States Parties to the Convention representing more than 80% of the world's countries, more than 51 million stockpiled landmines having been destroyed and large areas of previously contaminated land having been addressed and returned to the population for safe and productive use. The panel looks back at the accomplishments of the past 20 years and the strong partnership between governments, civil society and other non-governmental organisations that have made the Convention a success, in order to build upon them to achieve the fulfilment of the aspiration of a mine-free world by 2025. Moderated by the President of the 16MSP the panel aims at drawing lessons from the past, identifying key challenges and possible strategies to tackle these challenges.

16:00 – 18:00

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

The meeting will consider requests for extensions on mine clearance deadlines that have been or are due to be submitted by Angola, Ecuador, Iraq, Thailand, Ukraine and Zimbabwe. In keeping with past practice, there will be an opportunity for informal presentations of and discussions on extension requests with the States Parties returning to formal consideration of these requests later in the week.

19:00

Opening reception (location: Hofburg, Zeremoniensaal)

Buses will transport participants from the Vienna International Centre to the location of the reception. Conference badges will be required to enter the reception venue.

Tuesday 19 December

10:00 – 11:00

10. Panel: "Keeping People at the Heart of the Convention: Effective Victim Assistance"

20 years ago, putting an end to the suffering and casualties caused by anti-personnel mines that kill or maim hundreds of people, mostly innocent civilians and especially children, obstruct economic development and reconstruction, inhibit the repatriation of refugees and internally displaced persons, and have other severe consequences for years after emplacement, was a key driving force to negotiate and adopt the Convention. The logic conclusion was a conceptual novelty and major breakthrough for humanitarian disarmament: the first recognition of the rights of victims in a multilateral disarmament instrument. In 20 years we have developed much expertise to effectively implement victim assistance, an obligation that will continue to require substantial sustained commitment by States Parties in the long term. The panel will be chaired by Ambassador Beatriz Londoño Soto of Colombia, Chair of the Committee

on Victim Assistance, and will be opened by the Special Envoy of the Convention H.R.H. Princess Astrid of Belgium

11:00-13:00

11. Consideration of the general status and operation of the Convention

a) Assisting the victims: Conclusions and recommendations related to the mandate of the Committee on Victim Assistance

The Committee on Victim Assistance will present its conclusions and recommendations.

States Parties having reported significant numbers of mine victims² are invited to provide brief updates on their efforts to fulfil obligations and the steps that they have taken to implement the victim assistance actions (Actions #12 through #18) of the Maputo Action Plan. In addition, these States Parties are welcome to comment on the conclusions of the Committee on Victim Assistance. Other delegations are welcome to remark on these updates and to share their views on victim assistance.

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b) Clearing mined areas: Conclusions and recommendations related to the mandate of the Committee on Article 5 Implementation

The Committee on Article 5 Implementation will present its conclusions and recommendations.

States Parties which have recently completed or are still in the process of clearing mined areas³ are invited to provide brief updates on their efforts to fulfil their obligations and on steps they have taken to implement the mine clearance actions of the Maputo Action Plan (Actions #8 through #11). In addition, these States Parties are welcome to comment on the conclusions of the Committee on Article 5 Implementation. Other delegations are welcome to remark on these updates and to share their views on Article 5.

Wednesday 20 December

10:00 – 13:00

11. Consideration of the general status and operation of the Convention

c) Cooperation and Assistance: Conclusions and recommendations related to the mandate of the Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance

The Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance will present its conclusions and recommendations.

² The following 29 States Parties Have reported significant numbers of landmine survivors: Afghanistan, Albania, Angola, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Burundi, Cambodia, Chad, Colombia, Croatia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Guinea-Bissau, Iraq, Jordan, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Peru, Senegal, Serbia, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Tajikistan, Thailand, Uganda, Yemen and Zimbabwe.

³ The following 32 States Parties are still in the process of clearing mined areas in accordance with Article 5: Afghanistan, Angola, Argentina, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cambodia, Chad, Chile, Colombia, Croatia, Cyprus, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Iraq, Mauritania, Niger, Oman, Peru, Senegal, Serbia, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Tajikistan, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Yemen and Zimbabwe.

In particular, the Committee will present its efforts to strengthen cooperation and assistance and implementation of the relevant actions of the Maputo Action Plan (Actions #19 to #24) through the individualised approach, cooperation with other Committees to map needs and challenges faced by States Parties and efforts to improve the functioning of the Platform for Partnership. Delegations will be given the opportunity to provide updates and share their views on cooperation and assistance and on the conclusions of the Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance.

d) Preventing and suppressing prohibited activities and facilitating compliance: Conclusions and recommendations related to the mandate of the Committee on Cooperative Compliance

The Committee on Cooperative Compliance will present its conclusions and recommendations.

States Parties which have been mentioned in the conclusions of the Committee on Cooperative Compliance are invited to provide an update on ongoing investigations or activities undertaken to ensure compliance in accordance with Article 9 of the Convention and Action #29 of the Maputo Action Plan. In addition, these States Parties are welcome to comment on the conclusions of the Committee. Other delegations are welcome to remark on these updates and to share their views on compliance issues.

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e) Destroying stockpiled anti-personnel mines

The President will present its conclusions and recommendations on stockpile destruction.

States Parties responsible for destroying stockpiled anti-personnel mines⁴ as well States Parties that have discovered previously unknown stockpiles are invited to provide brief updates on their efforts to fulfil their obligations. These updates should contain only new information with efforts made to avoid duplication with respect to updates provided in June at the intersessional meetings. Other delegations will be given the opportunity to remark on these updates and to share their views on stockpile destruction.

f) Universalizing the Convention

The President will give an overview of the status of universalization.

States not party to the Convention are invited to share views on the Convention and to provide updates on steps that are being taken or considered to accede to the Convention. Other delegations will be given the opportunity to provide updates on their efforts to encourage universal acceptance of the Convention and to share their views on universalization.

g) Transparency and the exchange of information

The President will give an overview of the status of transparency.

Delegations are welcome to provide updates and share views on transparency and the exchange of information, including transparency as concerns mines retained for permitted purposes. Delegations may also want to remark on the use of the Guide to Reporting adopted at the 14th Meeting of the States Parties.

⁴ Greece, Oman and Ukraine.

Thursday 21 December

10:00 – 13:00

11. Consideration of the general status and operation of the Convention

h) Implementation Support

i. Report on the activities, functioning and finances of the ISU and presentation of a work plan and a budget for the 2018 activities of the ISU

Further to the “Directive from the States Parties to the ISU” adopted by the 10MSP and further to decisions of the 14MSP on strengthening financial governance and transparency, the ISU is to propose and present every year to the Coordinating Committee for endorsement and subsequently to the Meeting of the States Parties for approval, a detailed yearly budget and work plan for the ensuing year within the range and limits of the applicable multi-year work plan, both in terms of expenditures related to core support and expenditures related to enhanced support contained therein.

The Director of the ISU will present the work plan and the budget for the activities of the ISU in 2018. The meeting will be asked to approve the work plan and the budget for the activities of the ISU in 2018.

The Director of the ISU will report on the activities, functioning and finances of the ISU and present the 2016 ISU audit report as well as the ISU preliminary financial report for 2017.⁵

The meeting will be asked to approve the report on the activities and finances of the ISU and the ISU’s 2016 audited financial statement.

Delegations will be given the opportunity to provide comments and/or share their views on the ISU work plan and budget 2018, the 2016 audit report and the 2017 preliminary financial report.

ii. Mid-term review of the ISU four-year work plan 2014-2019

When the ISU four-year work plan and budget 2014-2019 was adopted at the 14MSP, the States Parties agreed to hold a mid-term review of this work plan during their 16MSP. To this end, the 16MSP President circulated a review of the ISU four-year work plan and budget to the Coordinating Committee for endorsement before the official presentation to the 16MSP.

Delegations will be given the opportunity to provide comments and/or share views on the mid-term review.

iii. Cooperation of the ISU with other relevant instruments

In 2015, the 14MSP requested the Presidency to conduct informal administrative consultations with the Presidents of other relevant instruments and with the Heads of other relevant ISU’s. The Presidency was requested to report on opportunities for cost-savings through cooperation as soon as practical but not later than at the Sixteenth Meeting of the States Parties. The President will report on the outcome of these consultations.

iv. Other matters concerning implementation support

⁵ The ISU is tasked to report in written form as well as orally on the activities, functioning and finances of the ISU to each Meeting of the States Parties and to submit an audited annual financial report for the previous year and a preliminary financial report for the present year to the Coordinating Committee and subsequently to the Meeting of the States Parties for approval.

The meeting will be asked to agree that the 2018 intersessional meetings take place on 7-8 June 2018.

In keeping with its mandate, the 16MSP President undertook the task in 2017 of consulting with States Parties to identify a list of nominees to serve as new Committee members following the 16MSP. On 11 May 2017, the President wrote to all States Parties to indicate that it was seeking two new States Parties for each of the four Committees for two-year terms. On the basis of interest expressed, the President will develop a proposal listing States Parties to serve as new Committee members from the end of the 16MSP for a two-year term.

If this proposal is agreed to by the 16MSP, the following eight new States Parties would start their two-year membership term at the end of the 16MSP:

- Committee on Victim Assistance: Belgium and Mozambique
- Committee on Article 5 Implementation: Colombia and the Netherlands
- Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance: Sweden and Thailand
- Committee on Cooperative Compliance: Poland and Zambia

12. Financial status of assessed contributions to the Meetings of the States Parties

The status of assessed contributions to the Meetings of the States Parties will be presented and delegations will be given the opportunity to provide comments and views on the assessed contributions.

15:00 – 18:00

13. Consideration of requests submitted under Article 5

The meeting will be asked to take decisions on the request for extended mine clearance deadlines which have been or may be submitted by Angola, Ecuador, Iraq, Thailand, Ukraine and Zimbabwe.

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, location and Presidency of the Seventeenth Meeting of the States Parties, and matters pertaining to the preparations for the Seventeenth Meeting

The meeting will be asked to agree that the Seventeenth Meeting of the States Parties (17MSP) takes place in Geneva on 26-30 November 2018 and that Ambassador Suraya Dalil of Afghanistan to the United Nations in Geneva, be designated to preside over the 17MSP.

17. Any other business

Delegations are welcome to take the floor on matters that have not been covered otherwise by the meeting.

18. Consideration and adoption of the final document

The meeting will be asked to consider and adopt its final report.

19. Closure of the Sixteenth Meeting of the States Parties

The meeting will be closed by the President.