

**Informal meeting to discuss preparations for the
Sixteenth Meeting of the States Parties (16MSP)**

Thursday 21 September – 15:00-17:00

Palais des Nations

Room IX

Agenda

1. Review of the 16MSP programme

At the 8-9 June intersessional meetings the 16MSP President presented a draft agenda and programme for the 16MSP to the States Parties and it was concluded that this programme was generally acceptable to the States Parties.

2. Updates on organisational matters

The host country, the 16MSP Executive Secretary (UNODA) and the ISU will provide a variety of updates on matters such as the opening ceremony, financial situation, documentation, side events and administrative matters.

3. Actions for consideration by the States Parties at the 16MSP

a. Update on Article 5 extension requests

The 16MSP will need to consider requests for mine clearance extensions that have been / or will be submitted by Angola, Ecuador, Iraq, Thailand, Ukraine and Zimbabwe. The Committee on Article 5 Implementation has been mandated to analyse these requests with a view to the analysis process being complete by the end of September.

b. Update on dates for meetings in 2018

It is proposed that the intersessional meetings in 2018 take place on 7-8 June 2018 with the duration of the meetings to be established by the Coordinating Committee. It is proposed that the Seventeenth Meeting of the States Parties (17MSP) take place in Geneva the week of 19 November 2018. It is proposed that H.E. Suraya Dalil, Ambassador of Afghanistan to the United Nations in Geneva be designated President of the 17MSP.

c. Appointment of Committee members

At the 2014 Third Review Conference in Maputo, States Parties agreed to establish four Committees and in accordance with the Maputo decisions, Committee members serve overlapping two-year terms and half of the membership needs to be renewed every year.

Austria, in its capacity as President of the Sixteenth Meeting of the States Parties (16MSP), has been mandated to “propose a set of new office-holders” for agreement by the 16MSP. On 11 May, the 16MSP President wrote to all States Parties solicit expression of interest to fill the Committee positions.

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

At the 14MSP, the States Parties agreed to hold a mid-term review of the ISU four-year work plan 2014-2019 during their 16MSP.

The mid-term review will allow the taking stock of the implementations of the decisions of the Fourteenth Meeting of the States Parties concerning the ISU, including the four-year work plan and other measures put in place to provide predictability to the work load and financing of the ISU as well as to strengthen the financial governance and transparency within the ISU.

e. Cooperation of the ISU with other relevant instruments

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 is 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.

f. Reminder regarding the ISU 2018 work plan and budget and the ISU report

The “Directive from the States Parties to the ISU” adopted by the 10MSP 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 the Meeting of the States Parties (MSP) for approval. The “Directive” also tasks the ISU to report in written form as well as orally on the activities, functioning and finances of the ISU to each MSP, and, to submit an audited annual financial report for the previous year and a preliminary annual financial report for the present year to the Coordinating Committee and subsequently to the MSP for approval.

g. Other possible actions

4. Any other business