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GENEVA

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

**Friday 18 September – 10:00-13:00
Council Chamber
Palais des Nations**

Agenda

1. 18MSP programme

At the 30 June – 2 July Intersessional Meetings the President of the Eighteenth Meeting of the States Parties (18MSP) presented a draft agenda for the 18MSP to the States Parties and it was concluded that this agenda was generally acceptable. The President subsequently distributed a programme of work for the 18MSP in a communication following the Intersessional Meetings.

Due to the current circumstances concerning the global pandemic, the President will present a modified programme for the 18MSP.

2. Updates on organisational matters

The host country (Switzerland), the 18MSP 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 18MSP

a. Update on Article 5 extension requests

The 18MSP will need to consider requests for mine clearance extensions that have been / or will be submitted by Bosnia and Herzegovina, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, South Sudan and Ukraine.

Analyses of the requests prepared by the Committee on Article 5 Implementation will be complete by the end of September.

b. Progress in Achieving the Aims of the Oslo Action Plan

At the 18MSP, the President and the Committees will jointly present the status of progress in the achievement of the aims of the Oslo Action Plan since it was adopted in November 2019. The 18MSP will be asked to welcome the Committees' report and take note of their conclusions.

c. Dates for meetings in 2021

The 18MSP will be asked to agree on dates for meetings in 2021.

d. Appointment of new Committee members

Sudan, in its capacity as President of the 18MSP, has been mandated to "propose a set of new office-holders" for agreement by the 18MSP.

Based on the many expressions of interest received and on the need to maintain a balanced geographical and mine-affected / donor States representation within each Committee, a proposal for Committee membership will be submitted during the informal meeting.

e. Implementation Support Unit

The Implementation Support Unit will present its 2020 interim report, the 2019 audited report and its work plan and budget for 2021 to the 18MSP. The 18MSP will be asked to approve these documents.

f. Guide to Reporting

At the 18MSP, the States Parties will be asked to adopt the updates to the Guide to Reporting as presented in the documents of the Intersessional Meetings.

g. Other possible actions

4. Any other business