



Twenty-First Meeting of the States Parties  
20 to 24 November 2023, Geneva

## **Informal meeting to discuss preparations for the Twenty-First Meeting of the States Parties (21MSP)**

**Monday, 18 September – 15:00-17:00 CEST**

**Palais des Nations, Room VII**

### **Agenda**

#### **1. Review of the 21MSP programme**

At the 19-21 June 2023 Intersessional Meetings, the 21MSP President presented a draft agenda and programme of work for the 21MSP to the States Parties and it was concluded that this programme was generally acceptable. These documents were further circulated to all on 7 July.

#### **2. Updates on organisational matters**

The host country, the 21MSP 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 21MSP**

##### **a. Update on Article 5 extension requests**

The 21MSP will need to consider the request for extension under Article 5 that has been submitted by Ukraine.

Analyses of the request 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 21MSP, 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 21MSP will be asked to welcome the Committees' reports and take note of their conclusions.

c. The case of Eritrea

The 20MSP mandated the President of the 21MSP to “seek clarification and resolve questions related to compliance by Eritrea through the Secretary-General of the United Nations in accordance with Article 8.2 of the Convention.” The 20MSP further requested that the President report back to the States Parties on this matter at their 21MSP.

The 21MSP will be asked to consider the report by the President and decide on possible next steps in light of the current situation.

d. Dates for meetings in 2024

The 21MSP will be asked to agree on dates for meetings in 2024.

e. Update on the Article 5 extension requests process

In line with the 20MSP decision for the Committee on Article 5 Implementation to “assess the Article 5 extension request process and challenges” and to “determine whether there would be a common ground for strengthening the process, including the considerations of all relevant stakeholders in an open, inclusive, and transparent manner, in particular mine affected States, and to report its conclusions and recommendations at the Twenty-first Meeting of States Parties”.

The 21MSP will be asked to welcome the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee on Article 5 Implementation.

f. Appointment of new Committee members

Germany, in its capacity of President of the 21MSP, has been mandated to “propose a set of new office-holders” for agreement by the 21MSP.

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.

g. Implementation Support Unit

The Implementation Support Unit will present its 2023 interim report, the 2022 audited report and its work plan and budget for 2024 to the 21MSP. The 21MSP will be asked to approve these documents.

h. Fifth Review Conference and future presidencies

The 21MSP will be asked to elect the President of the Fifth Review Conference as well as future presidencies based on expressions of interest submitted to the States Parties.

i. Other possible actions

**4. Any other business**