



Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention Intersessional meetings | 7-8 June 2018

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Guidance for Participants

With a view of maximising opportunities presented by the 2018 intersessional meetings of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention and in order to share information on progress made in implementing the Convention since the Sixteenth Meeting of the States Parties, we would be grateful if the following guidance could be considered in preparing presentations on the thematic matters outlined in the programme.

Given the volume of work that must be dealt with during the intersessional meetings, delegations will be asked to limit their interventions to 5-7 minutes. The Committees encourage all delegations to provide additional information that cannot be covered within the time allocated for your State's presentation, in a lengthier document that can be made available to all participants through the Convention's website.

In preparing presentations, delegations are encouraged to reflect on gender and diversity matters and, where possible, include age- and sex-disaggregated data.

Matters related to the mandate of the Committee on Victim Assistance

During this agenda item the Committee will present its activities and preliminary observations on the implementation by States Parties of their victim assistance commitments under the *Maputo Action Plan* (Actions #12 to 18).

Following the presentation by the Committee, States Parties and organisations that would like to engage with the Committee's preliminary observations will be invited to take the floor concerning the implementation of the *Maputo Action Plan*.

Questions for States Parties who have indicated that they have significant numbers – hundreds or thousands – of landmine survivors for which they must provide care

1. What systems are in place to assess the needs of mine victims?
2. What have been the results of assessments concerning the availability and gaps in services and support, and existing or new requirements for disability, health, education, employment, development and poverty reduction activities needed to meet the needs of mine victims?
3. What systems are in place to refer victims to existing services where possible?

4. What are your states time-bound and measurable objectives leading to the Fourth Review Conference at the end of 2019 and what has been the progress in implementation?
5. What enhancements have been made or will be made to plans, policies and legal frameworks to meet the needs of mine victims, including in rural and remote areas, and on budgets allocated for their implementation?
6. What efforts have been made to integrate victim assistance into broader national policies, plans and legal frameworks related to the rights of persons with disabilities, health, education, employment, development and poverty reduction?
7. What efforts have been made to strengthen local capacities and enhance coordination with subnational entities?
8. What efforts have been made to increase availability of and accessibility to appropriate comprehensive rehabilitation services, economic inclusion opportunities and social protection measures for all mine victims, regardless of their gender and age?
9. What efforts have been made to enhance the capacity and ensure the inclusion and full and active participation of mine victims and their representative organisations in all matters that affect them, particularly as concerns national action plans, legal frameworks, policies, implementation mechanisms, monitoring and evaluation?
10. What are the challenges faced by your State in implementing its victim assistance commitments?

Matters related to the mandate of the Committee on Article 5 Implementation

During this agenda item the Committee will present its activities and preliminary observations on the implementation of Article 5 and on the implementation of the mine clearance actions of the *Maputo Action Plan* (Actions #8 to #11).

I. Questions for States Parties that indicated that they have or will request extensions of their Article 5 deadlines

1. What progress has been made in the implementation of your State's national demining programme since the last update provided to the States Parties and what work remains in order for your State to be in compliance with its obligation to have destroyed or ensured the destruction of all anti-personnel mines in mined areas under your State's jurisdiction or control?
2. If applicable, what progress has been made and what remains to be done to identify the precise perimeters and locations, to the extent possible, of all areas under your State's jurisdiction or control that contain anti-personnel mines and therefore require clearance, and that are suspected to contain anti-personnel mines and therefore require further survey?
3. What efforts have been put forward by your State to ensure that the most relevant land-release standards, policies and methodologies are applied, in line with the United Nations' International Mine Action Standards, for the full and expedient implementation of this aspect of the Convention?

4. What are the circumstances that impede the ability of your State to destroy or ensure the destruction of all anti-personnel mines in mined areas under your State's jurisdiction or control?
5. What is the amount of time requested and what is the rationale for this request?
6. What is your State's plan to destroy or ensure the destruction of all anti-personnel mines in mined areas under your State's jurisdiction or control?
7. What efforts are being implemented by your State in the provision of mine risk reduction and education programmes, as part of broader risk assessment and reduction activities targeting the most at-risk populations?
8. What, if any, are the main challenges faced and what are the priorities for external assistance in the fulfilment of your State's Article 5 obligations up to and during the requested extension period?

II. Questions for consideration by States Parties submitting updated work plans and all other States Parties in the process of implementing Article 5

1. What progress has been made in the implementation of your State's national demining programme since the last update provided to the States Parties and what work remains in order for your State to be in compliance with its obligation to have destroyed or ensured the destruction of all anti-personnel mines in mined areas under your State's jurisdiction or control?
2. If applicable, what progress has been made and what remains to be done to identify the precise perimeters and locations, to the extent possible, of all areas under your State's jurisdiction or control that a) contain anti-personnel mines and therefore require clearance, and b) that are suspected to contain anti-personnel mines and therefore require further survey?
3. What efforts have been put forward by your State to ensure that the most relevant land-release standards, policies and methodologies are applied, in line with the United Nations' International Mine Action Standards, for the full and expedient implementation of this aspect of the Convention?
4. What is your State's plan to destroy or ensure the destruction of all anti-personnel mines in mined areas under your State's jurisdiction or control?
5. Is your State on track to fulfilling its mine clearance obligations under Article 5 by its deadline?
6. What efforts are being implemented by your State in the provision of mine risk reduction and education programmes, as part of broader risk assessment and reduction activities targeting the most at-risk populations?
7. What, if any, are your priorities for external assistance to support your State's fulfilment of its Article 5 obligations?

Matters related to the mandate of the Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance

During this agenda item the Committee will present on its activities and preliminary observations on the Committee's 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, mapping of challenges faced by States Parties and efforts to improve the functioning of the Platform for Partnership.

I. Questions for consideration by all States Parties

1. How has your State developed and promoted bilateral, regional and international cooperation, including South-South cooperation by sharing its national experience and good practices, resources, technology and expertise to implement the Convention?
2. Has your State already contributed to the *Platform for Partnerships* information exchange tool using it to share information on its needs for assistance? Has this contribution assisted your State in developing new partnerships?

II. Additional questions for consideration by States Parties seeking assistance

1. What efforts has your State carried out to demonstrate high-level national ownership:
 - a. Maintaining interest at a high level in fulfilling Convention obligations?
 - b. Making financial commitment to efforts aimed at implementing the Convention (e.g. providing human, financial and material capacity to carry out the obligations under the Convention)?
 - c. Articulating measures that it will undertake to implement relevant aspects of the Convention in the most inclusive, efficient, and expedient manner possible?
2. Has your State entered into a partnership for completion with States in a position to provide assistance? If yes, can you provide details of this partnership?
 - a. Does it include age- and gender-sensitive time-bound objectives and targets?
 - b. Does it make financial or other commitments?
 - c. Does it include regular dialogue on progress and challenges in reaching goals?

III. Additional questions for consideration by States Parties in a position to provide assistance

1. How has your State effectively used all possible avenues to support States Parties seeking assistance to receive it in the areas of mine clearance, mine risk education, stockpile destruction, adopting appropriate national implementation measures, as well as meeting victims' needs and guaranteeing their rights? Concerning victim assistance, how has your State provided targeted assistance and supported broader efforts to enhance related frameworks?
2. Has your State entered into a partnership for completion with States seeking to receive assistance? If yes, can you provide details of this partnership?
 - a. Does it include age- and gender-sensitive time-bound objectives and targets?
 - b. Does it make financial or other commitments?
 - c. Does it include regular dialogue on progress and challenges in reaching goals?
3. How has your State ensured that the plans and programmes that it supports are informed by relevant and accurate information on contamination and the socio-economic impact of anti-personnel mines, including information collected from affected women, girls, boys and men

that is analysed from a gender perspective and promotes and encourages gender mainstreaming?

Matters related to the mandate of the Committee on Cooperative Compliance

During this agenda item the Committee will present its activities and preliminary observations and invite relevant States Parties (South Sudan, Sudan, Ukraine and Yemen) to offer updates, in accordance with the *Maputo Action Plan* (Actions #28 and #29), on the situation in their State, on ongoing investigations and on measures in place to prevent and suppress activities prohibited by the Convention.

I. Questions for consideration by States Parties in which allegations of use of anti-personnel mines have been reported

1. Can your State provide updated information on measures taken to address the allegations of use of anti-personnel mines in your State?

II. Questions for consideration by all States Parties

2. If it has not yet done so, what progress has your State made to take, no later than the 2019 Fourth Review Conference, all appropriate legal, administrative and other measures to prevent and suppress any activity that is prohibited under this Convention undertaken by persons or on territory under its jurisdiction or control?

Matters related to the mandate of the President

Universalization

I. Questions for consideration by States not party

1. What is your position on ratifying or acceding to the Convention in the near term, in the medium term and in the long term?
2. What is the primary reason for your State not acceding to the Convention?
3. Has your State taken any practical steps, such as formalised commitments not to use, produce or transfer anti-personnel, or to destroy stockpiles?

II. Questions for consideration by all States Parties

1. What actions has your State taken since the Sixteenth Meeting of the States Parties to promote formal adherence to the Convention by States not party?
2. What actions has your State taken to condemn violation of the Convention's norms? (*Maputo Action Plan* Action #2)

Article 4 stockpile destruction obligations

Questions for consideration by States Parties which are in the process of implementing Article 4

1. What is your State's plan to intensify efforts to ensure completion of outstanding / ongoing Article 4 obligations as soon as possible? (*Maputo Action Plan* Action #5)

2. What progress has been achieved by your State in the implementation of Article 4 since the Sixteenth Meeting of the States Parties?
3. Are there any issues of concern or challenges faced in your State's efforts to achieve the destruction of stockpiled anti-personnel mines?
4. What is your expected completion date?

Reporting / Article 3 retained anti-personnel mines

Questions for consideration by States Parties which have reported anti-personnel mines retained under Article 3

1. Since the Maputo Review Conference, has your State "reviewed the number of retained anti-personnel mines to ensure that they constitute the minimum number absolutely necessary for permitted purposes"? Has your State destroyed all those exceeding that number and where appropriate explored available alternatives to using live anti-personnel mines for training and research activities? (*Maputo Action Plan Action #27*)
2. What are the purposes for which retained mines have been used and what have been the results of this use, including for example:
 - a. What mine detection, mine clearance or destruction techniques have been / are being developed?
 - b. What mine detection, clearance or destruction training has been carried out?
 - c. What number of personnel has been trained and to what standard?
3. Can your State explain any increase or decrease in the number of retained anti-personnel mines? (*Maputo Action Plan Action #27*)