



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

World Meteorological Organisation Building, Geneva

Annotated Programme¹

Wednesday 6 June 2018

10:00 Bilateral meetings – (by invitation only)

18:00 End of the day

Thursday 7 June 2018

10:00 1. Opening of the intersessional meetings

Ambassador Suraya Dalil of Afghanistan, President of the Seventeenth Meeting of the States Parties (17MSP) and Ambassador Stefano Toscano, Director of the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD) will deliver opening remarks.

2. 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.

3. 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). Following the introduction of the Committee's preliminary observations, the floor will be granted to delegations as follows:

¹ Please note: (a) Participants are encouraged to participate actively in discussions on specific topics and to refrain from making statements of a general nature. (b) The intersessional meetings have a flowing agenda implying that if an agenda item ends early we will automatically move into the next agenda item.

- States Parties which are in a position to declare completion will be invited to take the floor to offer a presentation on the completion of their mine clearance activities;
- States Parties that have requested or were due to request extensions of their Article 5 deadline for consideration at the Seventeenth Meeting of the States Parties (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Cyprus, Serbia, Sudan, Ukraine and the United Kingdom) will be invited to take the floor to offer an informal presentation of their request;
- States Parties that have been requested to submit updated work plans in accordance with decisions on their requests will be invited to take the floor to offer an overview of their updated work plans (Eritrea, Iraq, Niger and Peru);
- States Parties that have Article 5 deadlines in 2020 will be invited to take the floor and present on their progress to meet their deadlines (Argentina, Cambodia, Chad, Chile, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Niger, Tajikistan and Yemen);

States Parties and organisations wishing to engage with the Committee's preliminary observations will be invited to take the floor.

13:00 Lunch break

15:00 3. Matters related to the mandate of the Committee on Article 5 Implementation (continued)

4. 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.

Following the presentation by the Committee, the Committee will invite interested States Parties and delegations to take the floor on these matters.

5. Matters related to the mandate 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.

18:00 End of the first day

Friday 8 June 2018

10:00 6. “Implementation of Article 5 of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention”

The purpose and objective of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention of putting an end to the suffering and casualties caused by anti-personnel mines will be achieved in large parts by ensuring the efficient and effective implementation of the mine clearance obligations of the Convention as enshrined in Article 5.

Since the entry into force of the Convention in 1999, States Parties have taken a number of decisions to ensure a common unequivocal understanding of what it means to implement the mine clearance obligations under Article 5. The Panel will underline these common understandings and examine their practical implementation through a number of thematic presentations followed by a discussion.

11:00 7. Matters related to the mandate of the President

a. Universalization

During this agenda item the President will present her activities on universalization, including by giving an update on the activities of informal Working Group Universalization. The President will then invite interested States not party participating in the meeting to take the floor. The President will then give the floor to interested delegations and organizations to offer updates on any other matter concerning universalisation in accordance with the *Maputo Action Plan* (Actions #1 to #4).

b. Stockpile destruction

During this agenda item the President will present her activities on matters related to stockpile destruction under Article 4 and on matters related to numbers of anti-personnel mines retained for training and other permitted purposes under Article 3. Following the presentation by the President, the floor will be granted to delegations as follows:

- States Parties which are in non-compliance with their article 4 obligations (Greece and Ukraine) will be invited to offer updated information on the implementation of their stockpile destruction commitments in accordance with the *Maputo Action Plan* (Actions #5 to #7);
- A State Party in the process of carrying out its stockpile destruction activities (Oman) will be invited to present on progress in meeting its stockpile destruction obligations;
- States Parties that have discovered previously unknown stockpiled mines will be invited to take the floor;
- States Parties that have retained anti-personnel mines for training and other permitted purposes will be invited to provide information on the reasons for retaining such anti-personnel mines under Article 3 and plans for the use of these mines.

c. Reporting

The *Maputo Action Plan* highlights that a dialogue informed by accurate and high quality information can support cooperation and assistance and can accelerate the Convention's

implementation. During this agenda item, the President will take stock of the situation concerning reporting and will provide an update on the use of the *Guide to Reporting* adopted at the Fourteenth Meeting of the States Parties.

13:00 Lunch break

15:00 d. Preparations for the Seventeenth Meeting of the States Parties

- i. Presentation of a draft programme of work for the 17MSP (President)
- ii. Update on preparations for the 17MSP (17MSP Secretary-General Designate)
- iii. Presentation on 17MSP financial and organisational matters (UNODA)
- iv. Update on the Sponsorship Programme (Sponsorship Programme Coordinator)
- v. Proposed dates for the Convention's 2019 meetings (President)
- vi. Update on efforts to propose a set of office holders to be elected at the 17MSP (President)
- vii. Discussion (interested delegations)

8. Implementation Support Unit

- i. Update on the activities and finances of the ISU (ISU Director)
- ii. Update on the Pledging conference (President)
- iii. Discussion (interested delegations)

9. Closing remarks (President)

18:00 Intersessional meetings adjourn