



ANTI-PERSONNEL MINE BAN CONVENTION INTERSESSIONAL MEETINGS

9 / 11 APRIL 2014

ANNOTATED PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY 9 APRIL

15:00 Opening of the intersessional meetings

- Ambassador Boudjemâa Delmi of Algeria, President of the Thirteenth Meeting of the States Parties, and, Ambassador Stefano Toscano, Director of the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD)

Overview of the general status of the Convention

- Statement by Ambassador Boudjemâa Delmi of Algeria, President of the Thirteenth Meeting of the States Parties

Compliance

- Presided over by the Co-Chairs of the Standing Committee on the General Status and Operation of the Convention, Belgium and New Zealand

The 13MSP expressed concern about the allegations of use of anti-personnel mines in different parts of the world and reaffirmed the determination of the States Parties to the Convention to put an end to the suffering and casualties caused by these weapons. With regard to the breach of the Convention in “Wadi Bani Jarmouz” in Yemen, the Meeting expressed its appreciation of the Government of Yemen’s Official Communiqué of 17 November 2013 outlining the seriousness of the situation, Yemen’s renewed commitment towards all aspects of the Convention and its commitment to investigate and take necessary action.

In this regard, the 13MSP warmly welcomed the commitment of Yemen to provide to the States Parties, through the President, an interim report by 31 March 2014, and a final report by 31 December 2014, on (a) the status and outcomes of Yemen’s investigation, (b) the identification of those responsible for deploying anti-personnel mines, and subsequent measures taken, (c) information on the source of the anti-personnel mines and how those mines were obtained, particularly given that Yemen had long ago reported the destruction of all stockpiles, (d) the destruction of any additional stocks discovered and the clearance of the mined areas in question, and (e) action to

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prevent and suppress any possible future prohibited activities undertaken by persons or on territory under its jurisdiction or control.

This agenda item is an opportunity for delegations to provide updates or share views on compliance matters.

Updates by States Parties that have submitted requests for extended mine clearance deadlines

- Presided over by the Co-Chairs of the Standing Committee on Mine Clearance, Japan and Mozambique

It is anticipated that five States Parties – the **Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Yemen** and **Zimbabwe** – will request extended mine clearance deadlines for consideration at the Third Review Conference. These States Parties are invited to share highlights of their requests with the Standing Committee, including by concisely addressing the following questions:

1. What has been accomplished since entry into force / since the last request for an extended deadline was granted in terms of the number of mined areas and the total area that has been cleared or released?
2. What remains to be done? How many mined areas containing or suspected to contain anti-personnel mines remain and what total amount of area remains to be addressed? If your State does not have clarity regarding the remaining state of contamination, what is it doing to acquire such clarity?
3. What is your State's plan to address the remaining implementation challenge? What is your State's proposed time-frame for completion of implementation?
4. Does your State have the resources to implement the plan in your State's Article 5 extension request and, if not, what are your State's needs?

Updates by States Parties on mine clearance pursuant to past decisions of the States Parties and by States Parties that intend to complete implementation of Article 5 in 2014

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In addition to **Burundi**, which has indicated that it intends to complete implementation in 2014, the following five States Parties are invited to provide updates pursuant to decisions of the States Parties on their extension requests: **Cambodia, Chad, Colombia, Mozambique** and **Niger**:

- Burundi has an Article 5 deadline that occurs on 1 April 2014 and had indicated at the 13MSP that it would complete by its deadline.
- The Second Review Conference noted Cambodia's commitment to carry out a "Baseline Survey" of all affected districts by the end of 2012 to produce greater clarity on the remaining implementation challenge ... and to provide to the States Parties a revised work plan, schedule and budget.

- The 13MSP requested that Chad submit to the President, by the Third Review Conference, a clear and detailed national survey and clearance plan leading to completion with this plan addressing information discrepancies in the extension request.
- The 10MSP requested that Colombia present a revised implementation plan that contains and takes into account a clearer and more substantiated understanding of the location and nature of contamination and that includes revised annual projections of which areas would be addressed when and how.
- The 13MSP requested that Mozambique report to the States Parties, by 1 March 2014, on the following: (i) progress regarding the projection in the request that the 221 mined areas totalling 8,266,841 square meters (as of 31 August 2013) would be reduced to 100 tasks totalling 4,019,852 by 1 March 2014; (ii) time-bound benchmarks for progress for the extension period; (iii) progress in concluding a cooperation agreement with Zimbabwe; (iv) whether the demining efforts again had been affected by instances of “temporary insecurity”; (v) the role of the Mozambican Armed Defence Forces in supporting completion of Article 5 implementation; and, (vi) resources obtained relative to needs expressed in the request, including resources provided by the Government of Mozambique itself.
- The 13MSP requested that Niger inform the States Parties, by mid-2014, of (i) the circumstances that led to anti-personnel mines being used in Niger, (ii) the methods used to identify the area known and areas suspected to contain anti-personnel mines taking into account the United Nations’ International Mine Action Standard’s emphasis on a basis of evidence for defining “suspected hazardous areas”, and (iii) humanitarian, social, economic, and environmental implications.

(Note: Other States Parties in the process of implementing Article 5 of the Convention are encouraged to provide written updates, which would be made available on the Convention’s website.)

18:00 **Intersessional meetings adjourn until Friday 11 April**

FRIDAY 11 APRIL

10:00 **Updates by States Parties on mine clearance pursuant to past decisions of the States Parties and by States Parties that intend to complete implementation of Article 5 in 2014 (continued)**

- Presided over by the Co-Chairs of the Standing Committee on Mine Clearance, Japan and Mozambique

Update on the *Bridges between Worlds* conference on assisting victims of mines and other explosive remnants of war in broader contexts

- Presided over by the Co-Chairs of the Standing Committee on Victim Assistance, Austria and Costa Rica

The 3-4 April 2014 *Bridges between Worlds* global conference aims to advance the international community’s understanding regarding the place of assistance victims of mines and other explosive remnants of war in broader contexts. It is being hosted by

Colombia with the assistance of the Implementation Support Unit. It is being held further to the understanding of the States Parties that victim assistance should be integrated into broader national policies, plans and legal frameworks related to human rights, disability, health, education, employment, development and poverty reduction. The conference's emphasis is on the fact that, while assisting landmine victims is a specific promise made through the Convention, victim assistance is not an end unto itself. Rather, it is part of – or should be part of – other worlds. The Co-Chairs are inviting Colombia to provide an update on the conference.

Updates by States Parties that have missed their deadlines for Article 4 implementation

- Presided over by the Co-Chairs of the Standing Committee on Stockpile Destruction, Norway and Poland

The three States Parties, **Belarus**, **Greece**, and **Ukraine**, which have missed their deadlines for Article 4 implementation and which, as of the 13MSP, were still in the process of implementation, are being invited to provide updates. In addition, other States Parties in the process of implementing Article 4 may provide updates.

Previously unknown stockpiled anti-personnel mines

- Presided over by the Co-Chairs of the Standing Committee on Stockpile Destruction, Norway and Poland

States Parties which have discovered previously unknown stockpiled anti-personnel mines are invited to provide updates, taking into account that, in the Cartagena Action Plan, it was agreed that States Parties concerned would report such discoveries in accordance with their obligations under Article 7, and in addition, take advantage of other informal means to share such information as soon as possible and destroy these anti-personnel mines as a matter of urgent priority.

Update on the activities of the Co-Chairs of the Standing Committee on Resources, Cooperation and Assistance

- Co-Chairs of the Standing Committee on Resources, Cooperation and Assistance, Ecuador and Indonesia

Any other business

- Presided over by Ambassador Boudjemâa Delmi of Algeria, President of the Thirteenth Meeting of the States Parties

Closure of the intersessional meetings

- Statement by Ambassador Boudjemâa Delmi of Algeria, President of the Thirteenth Meeting of the States Parties

13:00 **Meetings end**

(Note: While it is anticipated that all work will have been completed by 13:00, if this is not the case, work could continue after 15:00.)