



Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention Intersessional Meetings | 30 June – 2 July 2020

Submission of information for the Convention's website

Introduction

The Intersessional Meetings provide an important opportunity for States Parties to provide updated information on progress and challenges in implementation of their Convention obligations as well as for States not party to provide updated information on steps they are taking towards accession/ratification. While this year's Intersessional Meetings will be held in a virtual format, the 2020 Intersessional Meetings will provide an opportunity for States to submit updates in written form. This information will enable the President and the Committees to more accurately develop a baseline value for implementation of the Oslo Action Plan.

Information should be sent to isu@apminebanconvention.org by no later than **19 June** to be placed on the Convention's website here:

<https://www.apminebanconvention.org/intersessional-work-programme/june-july-2020/>

States are encouraged to submit updated information on the following matters related to the implementation of the Convention and the Oslo Action Plan (OAP):

Matters related to Victim Assistance implementation

States Parties implementing Victim Assistance (VA) activities are invited to provide updated information on all related actions of the OAP (Action #33 – Action #41), including the following:

- 1. Information on the government entity assigned to oversee the integration of victim assistance into broader national policies, plans and legal frameworks. (OAP Action #33)*
- 2. Progress made in developing an action plan containing specific, measurable, realistic and time-bound objective to support mine victims. (OAP Action #33)*
- 3. Efforts to ensure that your State's VA efforts are inclusive of gender, age and disability and takes diverse needs into account in planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of all programmes. (OAP Action #33)*
- 4. Progress in carry out multi-sectoral efforts to ensure that the needs and rights of mine victims are effectively addressed. (OAP Action #34)*
- 5. Progress in developing/maintaining a centralised database that includes information on persons killed by mines as well as on persons injured by mines and their needs and challenges, disaggregated by gender, age and disability, and in making this information available to relevant stakeholders to ensure a comprehensive response to addressing the needs of mine victims. (OAP Action #35)*

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6. *Progress in ensuring (OAP Action #36-#38) :*

- *effective and efficient first aid to casualties in mine-affected communities, as well as other medical emergency services, and ongoing medical care.*
- *access to comprehensive rehabilitation services and psychological and psychosocial support services, including through the provision of outreach rehabilitation service, where necessary, while paying particular attention to the most vulnerable. This includes the provision of assistive devices, physiotherapy, occupational therapy and peer-to-peer support programs.*
- *Establishment/maintenance of a national referral mechanism to facilitate access to services for mine victims, including by creating and disseminating a comprehensive directory of services.*

7. *Progress in ensuring the social and economic inclusion and participation of mine victims and their representative organizations in all matters that affect them, including in rural and remote areas. (OAP Action #39 and Action #41)*

8. *Progress in ensuring that relevant national humanitarian response and preparedness plans provide for the safety and protection of mine survivors in situations of risk (OAP Action #40)*

9. *Financial commitment made by your State for implementation of its VA commitments.*

Matters related to Article 5 Implementation

States Parties implementing Mine Clearance and Mine Risk Education and Reduction Activities are invited to provide updated on all related actions of the OAP (Action #18 – Action #27) including the following:

1. *Status of efforts to identify the precise perimeter, to the extent possible, and establish an evidence based, accurate baseline of contamination. (OAP Action #18)*
2. *Update on progress and challenges in addressing mined areas since the Fourth Review Conference, including the number of mined areas and amount of areas addressed disaggregated in accordance with International Mine Action Standards (i.e. cancelled through non-technical survey, reduced through technical survey, or cleared through clearance). (OAP Action #22)*
3. *Information on the remaining implementation challenge, presented in accordance with International Mine Action Standards (i.e. disaggregating by ‘suspected hazardous areas’ and ‘confirmed hazardous areas’ and their relative size, as well as by the type of contamination.) (OAP Action #22)*
4. *Projections of the number of areas and the amount of mined area to be addressed annually to achieve completion and information on how priorities have been established. (OAP Action #19, Action #20)*
5. *Efforts made to ensure a sustainable national capacity to address previously unknown mined areas, including newly mined areas, discovered following completion. (OAP Action#26)*
6. *Efforts to ensure that the different needs and perspectives of women, girls, boys and men are considered in planning and implementation of mine clearance activities.*

7. *Efforts to integrate mine clearance activities into other frameworks such as development plans, poverty reduction strategies and humanitarian response plans. (OAP Action #1)*
8. *Financial commitment by your State for the implementation of this aspect of the Convention. (OAP Action #1)*
9. *Efforts made to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of survey and clearance, including by promoting the research, application and sharing of innovative technological means to this effect. (OAP Action #27)*

Mine Risk Education and Reduction

1. *Efforts to Integrate mine risk education activities with wider humanitarian, development, protection and education efforts, as well as with ongoing survey, clearance and victim assistance activities. (OAP Action #28)*
2. *Efforts to ensure that mine risk education and reduction programmes are context-specific to all affected populations and groups at risk and are developed on the basis of a needs assessment. (OAP Action #29)*
3. *Efforts to prioritise people most at risk by linking mine risk education and reduction programmes and messages directly to an analysis of available casualty and contamination data, an understanding of the affected population's behaviour, risk pattern and coping mechanisms, and, wherever possible, anticipated population movements. (OAP Action #30)*
4. *Efforts to build the national capacity to deliver mine risk education and reduction programmes. (OAP Action #31)*
5. *Information on methodologies used, the challenges faced and the results achieved, with information disaggregated by gender and age. (OAP Action #32)*

Matters related to Cooperation and Assistance

Affected States Parties and States in a position to provide assistance are invited to provide updated information on all aspects of implementation of the Cooperation and Assistance related actions of the OAP (Action #42 – Action #47) including the following:

For affected States:

1. *Commitment of resources made by your State to meet Convention obligations as soon as possible and explore all possible alternative and/or innovative sources of funding. (OAP Action #42)*
2. *Efforts to strengthen national coordination including by ensuring regular dialogue with national and international stakeholders on progress, challenges and support for implementation of their obligations under the Convention. (OAP Action #44)*
3. *Efforts to establish an appropriate national platform for regular dialogue among all stakeholders. (OAP Action #44)*

4. *Efforts to explore opportunities for cooperation, including international, regional and bilateral, cooperation between affected States Parties or South-to-South, with a view to voluntary sharing of best practices and lessons learned. (OAP Action #47)*

For States in a position to provide assistance:

1. *Support provided to States Parties in the implementation of their commitments under the Convention. (OAP Action #45)*
2. *Manner in which gender and the diverse needs and experiences of people in affected communities is considered in providing support in implementation. (OAP Action #45)*
3. *Efforts carried out, where possible using existing mechanisms, to coordinate support for the effective implementation of Convention obligations by affected States Parties. (OAP Action #46)*
4. *Efforts to explore opportunities for cooperation, including international, regional and bilateral, cooperation between affected States Parties or South-to-South, with a view to voluntary sharing of best practices and lessons learned. (OAP Action #47)*

Matters related to Compliance

States Parties are invited to provide updated information on all aspects of compliance related actions of the OAP (Action #48 – Action #50) including the following:

For States with allegations of use in territory under their jurisdiction or control:

1. *Status concerning investigation into alleged or known non-compliance with the general obligations under Article 1. (OAP Action #48)*
2. *If relevant, efforts to urgently take all appropriate legal, administrative and other measures to implement those obligations under Article 9 of the Convention. (OAP Action #50)*

All States Parties:

3. *If relevant, efforts to urgently take all appropriate legal, administrative and other measures to implement those obligations under Article 9 of the Convention. (OAP Action #50)*

Matters related to Universalization

States Parties are invited to provide updated information on all Universalization related actions of the OAP (Action #11 and Action #12) including the following:

For States not Party:

1. *Practical steps taken by your State, such as formalised commitments not to use, produce or transfer anti-personnel, or to destroy stockpiles.*
2. *Position of your State on ratifying or acceding to the Convention in the near term, in the medium term and in the long term.*
3. *Primary reason for your State not acceding to the Convention.*

For All States:

4. *Actions taken by your State since the Fourth Review Conference to promote formal adherence to the Convention by States not party. (OAP Action #11)*
5. *Actions taken by your State taken to condemn violation of the Convention's norms. (OAP Action #12)*

Stockpile destruction and retained mines

States Parties are invited to provide updated information on all Stockpile Destruction related actions of the OAP (Action #13 – Action #15) including the following:

1. *Information on time-bound plan, including milestones for the fulfilment of Article 4. (OAP Action # 13)*
2. *Information on progress made and remaining challenges in implementation. (OAP Action # 13)*
3. *If relevant, any previously unknown stockpiled mines discovered and information on efforts to destroy these anti-personnel mines as soon as possible and no later than six months after their discover. (OAP Action #15)*

Article 3 retained anti-personnel mines

States Parties are invited to provide updated information on all retained mines related actions of the OAP (Action #16 and Action #17) including the following:

1. *Actions taken by your State, since the Fourth Review Conference, to “reviewed the number of retained anti-personnel mines to ensure that they constitute the minimum number absolutely necessary for permitted purposes” and actions taken to destroy all those exceeding that number (OAP Action #16)*
2. *Actions taken by your State to explore available alternatives to using live anti-personnel mines for training and research activities. (OAP Action#17)*
3. *Information on the purposes for which retained mines have been used and the results of this use.*
4. *Where relevant, explanation on any increase or decrease in the number of retained anti-personnel mines.*