

INITIAL IDEAS REGARDING THE THIRTEENTH MEETING OF THE STATES PARTIES

ALGERIA

22 April 2013

(For discussion on 30 May at the meeting of the Standing Committee on the General Status and Operation of the Convention)

The Thirteenth Meeting of the States Parties (13MSP) is the Convention's last annual formal meeting prior to the Third Review Conference. It is the States Parties last formal opportunity to document progress made and challenges that remain in fulfilling Cartagena Action Plan commitments. Algeria proposes that the 13MSP take advantage of this opportunity, including, in part, by giving greater prominence to the topic of cooperation and assistance, which the Second Review Conference agreed should be a matter to be emphasised during the period 2010-2014.

Algeria suggests that the main features of the programme for the 13MSP be the following:

- A programme very similar to the programmes that have served the States Parties well in recent years can be used for the 13MSP, with this contained to four days given the projected volume of work. This would enable the fifth day during the week of 2 December 2013 to be available for the Review Conference President-Designate to convene a Review Conference preparatory meeting.
- The 13MSP could begin with a brief opening ceremony, following the model used at the 12MSP. This would be followed with the meeting quickly dispensing with procedural items and then an opportunity for brief general statements.
- The 13MSP will need to consider requests for extensions on mine clearance deadlines that have been or will be submitted by six to eight States Parties. In keeping with the practices successfully employed since 2008, at the beginning of the meeting there would be an opportunity for informal presentations of and discussions on Article 5 extension requests with the States Parties returning to formal consideration of these requests on the final day of the meeting.
- In keeping with the manner in which we have traditionally organized our work, the "consideration of the general status and operation of the Convention" would be organized thematically to include universalization, stockpile destruction, mine clearance, victim assistance and the other matters important for achieving our aims.
- The Second Review Conference importance attached great importance to the matter of cooperation and assistance and the 13MSP is the last formal meeting to take stock of our collective efforts on this and other matters before the Third Review Conference. Therefore, Algeria proposes that relatively greater time be given to a more in-depth discussion on key topics concerning cooperation and assistance.
- Further to decisions and recommendations of past meetings of the States Parties, States Parties which previously have been granted extensions are requested to provide updates on efforts to implement the plans contained in their requests. Such updates should clearly document progress and challenges relative to what each State Party committed to achieve.

- All States Parties providing updates on implementation efforts during the “consideration of the general status and operation of the Convention” should avoid duplication with respect to the updates they may have provided during the May Intersessional Work Programme.
- The “Directive from the States Parties to the ISU” adopted by the 10MSP instructs the Implementation Support Unit to propose and present a work plan and budget for the activities of the ISU for the following year to the Coordinating Committee for endorsement and subsequently to the Meeting of the States Parties for approval. The “Directive” also tasks the ISU to report in written form as well as orally on the activities, functioning and finances of the ISU to each Meeting of the State Parties, and, to submit an audited annual financial report for the previous year and a preliminary annual financial report for the present year to the Coordinating Committee and subsequently to the Meeting of the States Parties for approval. These and other matters related to implementation support would be dealt with on the morning of Thursday 5 December.
- In order that we use our time efficiently, matters that are the responsibility of the Third Review Conference should be dealt with during the Review Conference preparatory process, which it is proposed begin on Friday 6 December.

In terms of next steps, Algeria intends to proceed as follows, seeking the cooperation and support of the States Parties and others every step along the way:

- If the agenda and programme proposed are generally acceptable at the 30 May meeting of the Standing Committee on the General Status and Operation of the Convention, Algeria will proceed in requesting that the Implementation Support Unit transmit them to the 13MSP Executive Secretary for adoption at the beginning of the 13MSP.
- Working in close cooperation with the Co-Chairs and others, Algeria will proceed in preparing a first draft of a Geneva Progress Report 2012-2013, drawing extensively on Article 7 transparency reports and the updates provided by States Parties at the May 2013 meetings of the Standing Committees. Algeria will then aim to distribute a first draft in late August.
- On Friday 6 September in Geneva, Algeria will convene an informal meeting in advance of the 13MSP. The purpose of this meeting will be to seek views with respect to the draft progress report and to review the other matters of substance that are being prepared for the 13MSP.

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Item 4 of the provisional agenda

DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Official opening of the meeting
2. Election of the President
3. Ceremonial opening of the Thirteenth Meeting including brief messages delivered by or on behalf of Nobel Peace Prize co-laureates Jody Williams and the International Campaign to Ban Landmines, the President of the International Committee of the Red Cross, the President of the Council of the Foundation of the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining and the Secretary General of the United Nations.
4. Adoption of the agenda
5. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the meeting and of other officers
6. Confirmation of the Secretary-General of the meeting
7. Organization of work
8. General exchange of views
9. Informal presentation of requests submitted under Article 5 and of the analysis of these requests
10. Reflecting on how to enhance international and assistance and to increase resources mobilisation
11. Consideration of the general status and operation of the Convention
 - (a) Assisting the victims
 - (b) Clearing mined areas
 - (c) Destroying stockpiled anti-personnel mines
 - (d) Universalizing the Convention
 - (e) Implementation Support
 - i. Report on the activities, functioning and finances of the ISU and presentation of a work plan and a budget for the 2014 activities of the ISU
 - ii. Matters pertaining to the Intersessional Work Programme in 2014
 - iii. Others matters concerning implementation support
 - (f) Transparency and the exchange of information
 - (g) Preventing and suppressing prohibited activities and facilitating compliance
 - (h) Cooperation and assistance

12. Consideration of requests submitted under Article 5
13. Consideration of matters arising from / in the context of reports submitted under Article 7
14. Consideration of requests submitted under Article 8
15. Date, duration, location and presidency of the Third Review Conference, and matters pertaining to the preparations for the Third Review Conference.
16. Any other business
17. Consideration and adoption of the final document
18. Closure of the Thirteenth Meeting of the States Parties

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DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORK

Monday 2 December

10:00 – 13:00

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4. Adoption of the agenda
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6. Confirmation of the Secretary-General of the meeting
7. Organisation of work
8. General exchange of views

15:00 – 18:00

9. Informal presentation of requests submitted under Article 5 and of the analysis of these requests

Tuesday 3 December

10:00 – 13:00

10. Reflecting on how to enhance international and assistance and to increase resources mobilisation

15:00 – 18:00

11. Consideration of the general status and operation of the Convention

- (a) Assisting the victims

Wednesday 4 December

10:00 – 13:00

11. Consideration of the general status and operation of the Convention

- (a) Assisting the victims (continued)
- (b) Clearing mined areas

15:00 – 18:00

11. Consideration of the general status and operation of the Convention

- (b) Clearing mined areas (continued)

Thursday 5 December

10:00 – 13:00

11. Consideration of the general status and operation of the Convention (continued)

- (c) Destroying stockpiled anti-personnel mines
- (d) Universalizing the Convention
- (e) Implementation support
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 - iii. Others matters concerning implementation support

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