

**INITIAL IDEAS CONCERNING, AND SUGGESTED AGENDA AND PROGRAMME FOR,  
THE EIGHTH MEETING OF THE STATES PARTIES**

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**The AP Mine Ban Convention, ten years on**

The Eighth Meeting of the States Parties will take place two months after the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the adoption of the Convention in Oslo and two weeks prior to the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the date when the Convention was opened for signatures in Ottawa. Tremendous progress has been made in a decade. One hundred fifty-two (152) States, nearly 80 percent of the world, have ratified or acceded to the Convention. Together we have destroyed almost 40 million stockpiled anti-personnel mines. Seven (7) States Parties have reported the fulfilment of Article 5 mine clearance obligations and great progress towards completion has been made by others. And our Convention has set a new standard for how a disarmament or arms control convention should give due regard to the victims of the weapons in question.

While we have a right to be proud, we have a responsibility to resist complacency. Our work is far from complete and as a State affected by the scourge of anti-personnel mines Jordan knows first-hand how challenging it is to implement the Convention. We have a great opportunity through our 8MSP to face these challenges head-on. In particular, I would propose that a Meeting of the States Parties ten years after the adoption of the Convention, and, an MSP that will be held for the first time in the Middle East, presents us with the following opportunities:

- First: We have the opportunity to reinvigorate interest globally in the landmine problem and the approach we have taken through the Convention to address this problem. To many, anti-personnel mines may seem like “yesterday’s issue.” To those States which have solemnly accepted obligations to implement the Convention and to the men, women and children affected by the existing or potential impacts of anti-personnel mines, this matter remains a crisis to be solved once and for all. We must do what we can to use the 8MSP to recommit ourselves to the task and to draw attention to this fact.
- Second: We have the opportunity to increase interest in the Convention in the Middle East. Within this region, only Jordan, Qatar and Yemen are parties to the Convention. A Meeting of the States Parties taking place in the Middle East for the first time could be used to highlight success stories in implementation in the region with a view to attracting further adherence to the Convention by States in the Middle East.
- Third: A Meeting of the States Parties again hosted and presided over by a mine-affected State Party provides the opportunity to highlight both the reality of the challenges faced in implementation and, more importantly, creative, cost-effective and efficient ways that we have put in place to overcome these challenges.

We see both the formal aspects of the 8MSP itself, as well as a wealth of activity on the margins of and in the lead-up to the 8MSP, as instances when we can take advantage of these opportunities with a view to further advancing towards our common goal of a mine free world.

**Organization of the 8MSP:**

The 8MSP would be preceded, on 17 November, by a field visit to highlight aspects of the Jordanian effort to fulfil Article 5 obligations, and, an opening ceremony which will provide meeting participants with a clear Jordanian and Middle Eastern flavour.

The meeting itself would commence the morning of 18 November, using a programme which would be a hybrid of the programmes used at the 6MSP and 7MSP. The main features of this programme would be as follows:

- At the 8MSP, States Parties and observers will again be discouraged from delivering statements of a general nature. In lieu of delivering oral statements, States Parties and observers are encouraged to distribute written statements. And those States Parties and observers wishing to exercise their right to speak during a general exchange of views should limit their statements to five minutes.
- The 8MSP should work towards welcoming a *Dead Sea Progress Report*, which would record progress made in the application of the *Nairobi Action Plan* since the 7MSP. Accordingly, as was the case at the 6MSP and 7MSP, the “consideration of the general status and operation of the Convention” will feature thematic discussions and updates along the lines of the main subject headings in the *Nairobi Action Plan*. As all 70 actions in the *Nairobi Action Plan* are important and remain relevant, adequate time will be allocated to each topic and these discussions will be sequenced in accordance with the sequencing in the *Nairobi Action Plan*.
- The 8MSP should conclude work on procedural aspects concerning the matter of requests for Article 5 extension requests and assess the state of progress in the drafting of requests on the part of States Parties which, at a future date, will be required to submit requests.
- With respect to Article 5, however, the 8MSP should not overly dwell on procedural aspects but rather give due attention to actual implementation of Article 5. In this regard, we would foresee setting aside one three-hour time block for an informal and interactive discussion which would highlight practical positive experiences gained in overcoming Article 5 implementation challenges. This discussion could focus on key themes like methods and means for more rapidly releasing areas merely suspected to contain anti-personnel mines, practical means to increase efficiency, etc. This discussion could also encompass the best ways to mobilize, allocate and use scarce resources.

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**DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

1. Official opening of the meeting
2. Election of the President
3. Brief messages delivered by or on behalf of Nobel Peace Prize laureate Jody Williams, 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. Adoption of the rules of procedure
6. Adoption of the budget
7. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the meeting and of other officers
8. Confirmation of the Secretary-General of the meeting
9. Organization of work
10. General exchange of views
11. Consideration of the general status and operation of the Convention
  - (a) Universalizing the Convention
  - (b) Destroying stockpiled anti-personnel mines
  - (c) Clearing mined areas
  - (d) Assisting the victims
  - (e) Other matters essential for achieving the Convention's aims
    - i. Cooperation and assistance
    - ii. Transparency and the exchange of information
    - iii. Preventing and suppressing prohibited activities and facilitating compliance.
    - iv. Implementation Support
12. Informal discussions on practical ways to overcoming challenges in implementing Article 5
13. Consideration of matters arising from / in the context of reports submitted under Article 7
14. Consideration of requests submitted under Article 5
15. Consideration of requests submitted under Article 8
16. Date, duration and location of the next Meeting of the States Parties
17. Any other business

18. Consideration and adoption of the final document

19. Closure of the Eighth Meeting of the States Parties

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SEVENTH MEETING OF THE  
STATES PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION  
ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE USE,  
STOCKPILING, PRODUCTION AND  
TRANSFER OF ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES  
AND ON THEIR DESTRUCTION

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**DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORK**

**Sunday 18 November**

**10:00 – 11:00**

1. Official opening of the meeting
2. Election of the President
3. Brief messages delivered by or on behalf of Nobel Peace Prize laureate Jody Williams, 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.
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10. General exchange of views<sup>1</sup>

**15:00 – 18:00**

10. General exchange of views (continued)
11. Consideration of the general status and operation of the Convention

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<sup>1</sup> States Parties and observers are encouraged to refrain from making general statements but rather provide updates on implementation on thematic matters indicated in agenda item 10. In addition, if they wish, delegations can distribute written statements rather than deliver oral statements.

- (a) Universalizing the Convention

### **Monday 19 November**

**10:00 – 13:00**

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

- (b) Destroying stockpiled anti-personnel mines

**15:00 – 18:00**

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

- (c) Clearing mined areas

### **Tuesday 20 November**

**10:00 – 13:00**

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

- (c) Clearing mined areas

**15:00 – 18:00**

12. Informal discussions on practical ways to overcoming challenges in implementing Article 5

### **Wednesday 21 November**

**10:00 – 13:00**

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

- (c) Clearing mined areas
- (d) Assisting the victims

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- (d) Assisting the victims

**15:00 – 18:00**

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

- (d) Assisting the victims
- (e) Other matters essential for achieving the Convention's aims
  - i. Cooperation and assistance
  - ii. Transparency and the exchange of information

### **Thursday 22 November**

**10:00 – 13:00**

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

- (e) Other matters essential for achieving the Convention's aims
  - iii. Preventing and suppressing prohibited activities and facilitating compliance.
  - iv. Implementation Support

13. Consideration of matters arising from / in the context of reports submitted under Article 7

14. Consideration of requests submitted under Article 5

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**15:00 – 18:00**

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