



Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer  
of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
VICTIM ASSISTANCE AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC REINTEGRATION**

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**Co-Chairs' suggestions on ways to prepare for the 23 June Standing Committee meeting**

**Introduction**

The Fifth Meeting of the States Parties called upon mine-affected States to provide for the care, rehabilitation and social and economic reintegration of landmine victims. Others were called upon to assist the efforts of these States. At the June meeting, the Co-Chairs will request all relevant actors to maximize the potential of the Standing Committee by providing updates on these matters.

**Updates from relevant States Parties on the status of implementation**

In February 21 States Parties provided updates on the problems they face, and their plans, progress and priorities for assistance pertaining to the responsibilities to landmine survivors. The June meeting is the final opportunity prior to the Review Conference for mine-affected States Parties to do this.

*Suggestions on ways to prepare:*

- *States Parties may wish to make use of the suggested framework (document #7) to prepare presentations on their problems, plans, progress and priorities for assistance.*

**Regional victim assistance efforts**

The President's Action Programme has highlighted the importance of regional initiatives in assisting individual States Parties in meeting their obligations.

*Suggestions on ways to prepare:*

- *Those involved in supporting regional victim assistance efforts may wish to prepare brief updates on activities undertaken since the last meeting of the Standing Committee.*

**Updates regarding assistance and cooperation**

The Convention implies that international cooperation and assistance will play a leading role in assisting the States Parties in fulfilling their obligations. The Co-Chairs would be grateful if those "in a position to do so" would share information on ensuring that resources are provided.

*Suggestions on ways to prepare:*

- *States Parties and organizations may wish to prepare updates on their approaches to ensuring that support is provided to those States that need assistance; States Parties without specific funding mechanisms for victim assistance may wish to highlight other ways they support programmes that would benefit landmine survivors.*

**Thematic matters pertaining to victim assistance**

Based upon the interest expressed at previous meetings of the Standing Committee, it is clear that topics like economic reintegration warrant our attention prior to the First Review Conference.

*Suggestions on ways to prepare:*

- *The Co-Chairs would be grateful if those involved in specific economic reintegration initiatives could share their successes, good ideas and lessons learned.*