

**Informal meeting to discuss preparations for the
Seventeenth Meeting of the States Parties (17MSP)**

**Tuesday 18 September – 15:00-17:00
Palais des Nations
Council Chamber**

Annotated Agenda

1. Review of the 17MSP programme

At the 7-8 June intersessional meetings the 17MSP President presented a draft agenda and programme for the 17MSP to the States Parties and it was concluded that this programme was generally acceptable.

2. Updates on organisational matters

The host country, the 17MSP Executive Secretary (UNODA) and the ISU will provide a variety of updates on matters such as the opening ceremony, financial situation, documentation, side events and administrative matters.

3. Actions for consideration by the States Parties at the 17MSP

a. Update on Article 5 extension requests

The 17MSP will need to consider requests for mine clearance extensions that have been / or will be submitted by Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Cyprus, Serbia, Sudan, the United Kingdom and Ukraine.

The Committee on Article 5 Implementation has been mandated to analyse these requests with a view to the analysis process being complete by the end of September.

b. Conclusions of the Committees

At the 17MSP, the Convention's four Committees will present their conclusions on the implementation of relevant provisions of the Convention. The 17MSP will be asked to welcome the Committees' reports and take note of their conclusions.

c. Reflecting on the implementation of Article 5

The Committee on Article 5 Implementation will present a paper containing reflections on the implementation of Article 5. The 17MSP will be asked to welcome this document.

d. Dates for meetings in 2019

The 17MSP will be asked to agree on dates for meetings in 2019.

President of the Seventeenth Meeting of the States Parties
c/o AP Mine Ban Convention Implementation Support Unit

The 17MSP will be asked to agree to set the dates for the intersessional meetings on 22-24 May 2019.

The 17MSP will be asked to agree to hold the Fourth Review Conference in Oslo, Norway, the week 25 November 2019. In addition, the 17MSP will be asked to designate H.E. Hans Brattskar, Ambassador of Norway to the United Nations in Geneva as President of the Fourth Review Conference.

e. Appointment of Committee members

Afghanistan, in its capacity as President of the Seventeenth Meeting of the States Parties, has been mandated to “propose a set of new office-holders” for agreement by the 17MSP.

Based on the many expressions of interest received and on the need to maintain a balanced geographical and mine-affected / donor States representation within each Committee, a proposal for Committee membership will be submitted during the informal meeting.

f. Report on the President’s consultations undertaken to strengthen financial predictability and sustainability

In the context of the financial situation due to the arrears in payment of assessed contributions for Meetings of the States Parties, the President of the Seventeenth Meeting of the States Parties was requested by the Sixteenth Meeting of the States Parties to “continue to consult with a view of strengthening financial predictability and stability.”

g. Implementation Support Unit

The Implementation Support Unit will present its 2018 interim report, the 2017 audited report and its work plan and budget for 2019 to the 17MSP. The 17MSP will be asked to approve these documents.

h. Preparatory process for the Fourth Review Conference

The President-Designate of the Fourth Review Conference will present its initial thoughts on a preparatory process for the Fourth Review Conference.

The 17MSP will be asked to agree on dates for meetings in preparation for the Fourth Review Conference.

i. Other possible actions

4. Any other business