

**SIXTH 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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Final document**

FINAL REPORT (UNOFFICIAL VERSION)

The Final Report of the Sixth 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 consists of three parts and four annexes as follows:

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PART I

ORGANIZATION AND WORK OF THE SIXTH MEETING

A. Introduction

1. The Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction provides in article 11, paragraphs 1 and 2, that: “The States Parties shall meet regularly in order to consider any matter with regard to the application or implementation of this Convention, including:

- (a) The operation and status of this Convention;
- (b) Matters arising from the reports submitted under the provisions of this Convention;
- (c) International cooperation and assistance in accordance with article 6;
- (d) The development of technologies to clear anti-personnel mines;
- (e) Submissions of States Parties under article 8; and
- (f) Decisions relating to submissions of States parties as provided for in article 5”;
and,

Meetings subsequent to the First Meeting of the States Parties “shall be convened by the Secretary-General of the United Nations annually until the first Review Conference”.

2. At the 29 November – 3 December 2004 First Review Conference, the States Parties agreed to hold the Sixth Meeting of the States Parties in Croatia from 28 November–2 December 2005.

3. To prepare for the Sixth Meeting, in keeping with past practice, at the June 2005 meeting of the Standing Committee on the General Status and Operation of the Convention a draft agenda, provisional programme, draft rules of procedure and draft cost estimates were presented. Based upon discussions at that meeting, it was the sense of the Co-Chairs of the Standing Committee on the General Status and Operation of the Convention that these documents were generally acceptable to the States Parties to be put before the Sixth Meeting for adoption.

4. To seek views on matters of substance, Austria and Croatia convened an informal meeting in Geneva on 23 September 2005 to which all States Parties and interested organizations were invited to participate.

5. The opening of the Sixth Meeting of the States Parties was preceded on 27 November 2005 by a ceremony at which statements were delivered by: the President of the Republic of Croatia, Stipe Mesic; the Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of Croatia, Kolinda Grabar-Kitarovic; the Mayor of the City of Zagreb, Milan Bandic; the President of the First Review Conference, Ambassador Wolfgang Petritsch of Austria; the President of the Fourth Meeting of the States Parties, Ambassador Jean Lint of Belgium; and, the 1997 Nobel Peace Prize co-recipient, Ms. Jody Williams.

B. Organization of the Sixth Meeting

6. The Sixth Meeting of the States Parties was opened on 28 November 2005 by the President of the First Review Conference, Ambassador Wolfgang Petritsch of Austria. The President of the First Review Conference presided over the election of the President of the Sixth Meeting of the States Parties. The conference elected by acclamation the Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of Croatia, Ms. Kolinda Grabar-Kitarovic, as its President in accordance with rule 5 of the rules of procedure.

7. At the opening session, messages were delivered to the meeting on behalf of the Secretary General of the United Nations, Mr. Kofi Annan, and the President of the International Committee of the Red Cross, Dr. Jakob Kellenberger, and, by the 1997 Nobel Peace Prize Co-Laureate, Ms. Jody Williams, and the President of the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD), Mr. Cornelio Sommaruga.

8. At its first plenary meeting on 28 November 2005, the Sixth Meeting adopted its agenda as contained in Annex I to this report. On the same occasion, the meeting adopted its rules of procedure as contained in document APLC/MSP.6/2005/3, the estimated costs for convening the Sixth Meeting as contained in document APLC/MSP.6/2005/4, and its programme of work as contained in document APLC/MSP.6/2005/2.

9. Also at its first plenary meeting, Algeria, Bangladesh, Canada, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, South Africa and Sweden were elected by acclamation as Vice-Presidents of the Sixth Meeting.

10. The meeting unanimously confirmed the nomination of Ms. Dijana Plestina of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of Croatia, as Secretary-General of the meeting. The meeting also took note of the appointment by the United Nations Secretary-General of Mr. Enrique Roman-Morey, Director of the Geneva Branch of the United Nations Department for Disarmament Affairs, as Executive Secretary of the meeting, and the appointment by the President of Mr. Kerry Brinkert, Manager of the Implementation Support Unit of the GICHD, as the President's Executive Coordinator.

11. The meeting took note of the support provided to the President by two Friends of the President: Mr. Paul Huynen of Belgium and Mr. Markus Reiterer of Austria.

C. Participation in the Sixth Meeting

12. Ninety-two (92) States Parties participated in the meeting: **[List of States Parties to be completed by the Secretariat]**.

13. Two (2) States that had ratified or acceded to the Convention, but for which the Convention had not yet entered into force, participated in the meeting as observers, in accordance with article 12, paragraph 3, of the Convention and rule 1, paragraph 1, of the rules of procedure of the meeting: Bhutan and Latvia.

14. Four (4) signatories that have not ratified the Convention participated in the meeting as observers, in accordance with article 11, paragraph 3, of the Convention and rule 1, paragraph 1, of the rules of procedure of the meeting: Haiti, Indonesia, Poland and Ukraine.
15. A further 17 States not parties to the Convention participated in the meeting as observers, in accordance with article 11, paragraph 3, of the Convention and rule 1, paragraph 1, of the rules of procedure of the meeting: **[List of States to be completed by the Secretariat]**.
16. In accordance with article 11, paragraph 3, of the Convention and rule 1, paragraphs 2 and 3, of the Rules of Procedure, the following international organizations and institutions, regional organizations, entities and non-governmental organizations attended the meeting as observers: **[List to be completed by the Secretariat]**.
17. In accordance with article 11, paragraph 3, of the Convention and rule 1, paragraph 4, of the rules of procedure, the following other organizations attended the meeting as observers: **[List to be completed by the Secretariat]**.
18. A list of all delegations to the Sixth Meeting is contained in document APLC/SMP.6/2005/INF.3.

D. Work of the Sixth Meeting

19. The Sixth Meeting held nine plenary sessions from 28 November to 2 December 2005. The first two plenary meetings were devoted to the general exchange of views under agenda item 10. Delegations of [to be completed by the Secretariat] States parties, [to be completed by the Secretariat] observer States and [to be completed by the Secretariat] observer organizations made statements in the general exchange of views.
20. At its third through eighth plenary sessions, the meeting considered the general status and operation of the Convention, reviewing progress made and challenges that remain in the pursuit of the Convention's aims and in the application of the Nairobi Action Plan 2005-2009. In this regard, the meeting warmly welcomed the Zagreb Progress Report, as contained in Part II of this report, as an important means to support the application of the *Nairobi Action Plan* by measuring progress made during the period 3 December 2004 to 2 December 2005 and highlighting priority areas of work for the States Parties, the Co-Chairs and the Convention's President in the period between the Sixth and the Seventh Meetings of the States Parties.
21. At its eighth plenary session, the meeting noted the Director of the GICHD's report on the activities of the Implementation Support Unit (ISU), contained in Annex III to this report. States Parties expressed their appreciation to the GICHD for the manner in which the ISU is making a positive contribution in support of the States Parties' efforts to implement the Convention.
22. Also at its eighth plenary session, the States Parties again recognized the value and importance of the Coordinating Committee in the effective functioning and implementation of the Convention and for operating in an open and transparent manner. In addition, the meeting

again noted the work undertaken by interested States Parties through the Sponsorship Programme, which continues to ensure widespread representation at meetings of the Convention.

23. Also at its eighth plenary session, the meeting considered matters pertaining to reporting under article 7 of the Convention. All States Parties were encouraged to place a renewed emphasis on ensuring reports are submitted as required by forwarding reports to the Geneva Branch of the United Nations Department for Disarmament Affairs.

24. Also at its eighth plenary session, the meeting considered the submission of requests under article 5 of the Convention. The President notified the meeting that she had not been informed that any state wished to make such a request at the Sixth Meeting. The meeting took note of this.

25. Also at its eighth plenary session, the meeting considered the submission of requests under article 8 of the Convention. The President notified the meeting that she had not been informed that any state wished to make such a request at the Sixth Meeting. The meeting took note of this.

E. Decisions and Recommendations

26. At its final plenary meeting, pursuant to consultations undertaken by the Co-Chairs of the Standing Committee on the General Status and Operation of the Convention, the meeting agreed to set the dates of the 2006 meetings of the Standing Committees from 8-12 May and identified the following States Parties as the Standing Committee Co-Chairs and Co-Rapporteurs until the end of the Seventh Meeting of the States Parties:

- (i) Mine Clearance, Mine-Risk Education and Mine-Action Technologies: Jordan and Slovenia (Co-Chairs); Chile and Norway (Co-Rapporteurs);
- (ii) Victim Assistance and Socio-Economic Reintegration: Afghanistan and Switzerland (Co-Chairs); Austria and Sudan (Co-Rapporteurs);
- (iii) Stockpile Destruction: Japan and the United Republic of Tanzania (Co-Chairs); Algeria and Estonia (Co-Rapporteurs);
- (iv) General Status and Operation of the Convention: Belgium and Guatemala (Co-Chairs); Argentina and Italy (Co-Rapporteurs).

27. Also at its final plenary session, the meeting agreed to amend the Article 7 reporting format on the basis of a proposal related to voluntary supplementary information which presented by Argentina and Chile and as contained in Annex II to this report.

28. Also at its final plenary session, the meeting agreed that Australia would designate a President of the Seventh Meeting of the States Parties and decided to hold the Seventh Meeting of the States Parties in Geneva at a United Nations facility, from 18 to 22 September 2006. In addition, the meeting warmly welcomed the offer made by Jordan to host and preside over the Eighth Meeting of the States Parties in 2007.

29. Also at the final plenary, the meeting adopted the Zagreb Declaration, which is contained in Part III of this report, reaffirming the commitments made by the States Parties on 3 December 2004 at the landmark Nairobi Summit on a Mine Free World.

F. Documentation

30. A list of documents submitted to the Sixth Meeting is contained in Appendix IV to this report. These documents are available in all official languages through the United Nations Official Documents System (<http://documents.un.org>).

G. Adoption of the Final Report and conclusion of the Sixth Meeting

31. At its final plenary session, on 2 December 2005, the meeting adopted its draft report, contained in document APLC/MSP.6/2005/CRP.1, as orally amended, which is being issued as document APLC/MSP.6/2005/5. At the close of the meeting, the meeting expressed its heartfelt thanks to Croatia for hosting the Sixth Meeting of the States Parties.