



Seventh Meeting of the States Parties – Programme of Events

18-22 September 2006



Monday 18 September	Tuesday 19 September	Wednesday 20 September	Thursday 21 September	Friday 22 September
	<p>08:30 – 10:00 Mine action and armed non state actors. Sponsored by Switzerland and the Geneva Call. Location: Room VIII, Palais des Nations. Contact: remy.friedmann@eda.admin.ch</p> <p>09:00 – 10:00 UN event on Lebanon. Sponsored by the United Nations Mine Action Team. Location: Room XXIII, Palais des Nations. Contact: glaurie@unog.ch or abrams@un.org</p>	<p>09:00 – 10:00 Donor Update on Colombia's Mine Action Programme. Sponsored by UNICEF and others. Location: Room VIII, Palais des Nations. Contact: sball@unicef.org</p>	<p>08:30 – 10:00 Mines and ERW in Lebanon. Sponsored by the International Campaign to Ban Landmines. Location: Room XXIII, Palais des Nations. Contact: tamar@icbl.org</p> <p>09:00 – 10:00 The National Ownership of Mine Action Programmes. Sponsored by the International Peace Research Institute, Oslo (PRIO). Location: Room VIII, Palais des Nations. Contact: kjell@prio.no</p>	
<p>09:45 – 11:00 Seventh Meeting of the States Parties – Opening Ceremony. Location: Salle des Assemblées, Palais des Nations. Addresses by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland and by Australia's Parliamentary Secretary for Foreign Affairs, plus other activities.</p> <p>11:00 – 13:00 Seventh Meeting of the States Parties – Opening of the meeting. Location: Salle des Assemblées.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Election of the President and Vice-Presidents, confirmation of the Secretary-General Adoption of procedural documents General exchange of views 	<p>10:00 – 13:00 Seventh Meeting of the States Parties continues. Location: Room XVII, Palais des Nations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consideration of the General Status and Operation of the Convention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clearing mined areas 	<p>10:00 – 13:00 Seventh Meeting of the States Parties continues. Location: Room XVII, Palais des Nations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consideration of the General Status and Operation of the Convention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assisting the victims 	<p>10:00 – 13:00 Seventh Meeting of the States Parties continues. Location: Room XVII, Palais des Nations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consideration of the General Status and Operation of the Convention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Destroying stockpiled mines Universalizing the Convention 	<p>10:00 – 13:00 Seventh Meeting of the States Parties continues. Location: Room XVII, Palais des Nations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consideration of the General Status and Operation of the Convention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing and suppressing prohibited acts and facilitating compliance Implementation support
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<p>18:30 – 20:00 Reception hosted by the President of the Seventh Meeting of the States Parties. Location: Serpentine Bar, Palais des Nations. Contact: Rachel.Moseley@dfat.gov.au</p>	<p>18:30 – 20:30 Reception hosted by the Swiss Confederation, the Republic and Canton of Geneva and the City of Geneva and Opening of the photo exhibit <i>Terres perdues</i> by Jane Evelynne Atwood, sponsored by Handicap International. Location: The boat <i>Lausanne</i> which will depart from Quai Wilson – Transportation from the Palais des Nations to be provided. Contact: patrizia.palmiero@deza.admin.ch and pvermeulen@handicap-international.ch</p>	<p>18:30 – 20:30 Reception hosted by the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining. Location: Villa Rive Belle, 266 Route de Lausanne – Transportation from the Palais des Nations to be provided. Contact: c.borrero@gichd.ch</p>	<p>18:30 Mines antipersonnel : les civils en otage. Sponsored by the Museum of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent, the Swiss Foundation for Landmine Victims' Aid and the Institut Jaques-Dalcroze. Location: Museum of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent. Contact: md.depreter@micr.org</p>	<p>18:00 Closing event: Inauguration of a giant mural & arrival of cyclist Armin Köhli. Sponsored by the Swiss Campaign to Ban Landmines and the Swiss Confederation. Transportation from the Palais des Nations to be provided. Location: Rue des Savoises, Plainpalais. Contact: yhanggi@genevacall.org</p> <p>19:00 Mines de rien. Sponsored by the Swiss Foundation for Landmine Victims' Aid and the Institut Jaques-Dalcroze. Location: Institut Jaques-Dalcroze, rue de la Terrasse 44. Contact: project@mine-victime.ch</p>



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Opening Ceremony and Side Events

MONDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

09:45 – 11:00

Opening Ceremony

Location: Salle des Assemblées, Palais des Nations.

- Painting performance entitled *Stop mines*.
- Performance by the Afghan group *Ensemble Kaboul*. Khaled Arman will play Afghan lutes, accompanied by Faisal Salimi on percussion.
- High level addresses by Micheline Calmy-Rey, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland and by Teresa Gambaro, M.P., Australia's Parliamentary Secretary for Foreign Affairs and Special Representative on Mine Action.
- Screening of a video produced by the Landmine Survivors Network, featuring landmine survivors at work in carrying out advocacy.
- Address by landmine survivor Song Kosal. At the age of six, Song Kosal's life was changed forever when she stepped on a landmine. She has since campaigned vigorously for a world without anti-personnel mines.
- Commencement, by Swiss double-amputee athlete Armin Köhli, of a bicycle tour of Switzerland. Köhli is known for being the first athlete with a disability to participate in the "Tour d'Afrique" – a bike race covering 11,500 km over 100 days from Cairo to Capetown in 2004.

13:00 – 13:50

Landmine Action Report Launch: Bosnia's political landmines. Sponsored by Landmine Action. Location: Room VIII, Palais des Nations. This report examines problems relating to contracting of commercial mine action in weakened states and highlights that mine action resources may be captured by various interests. The report urges donors and mine action institutions to take responsibility for the broader economic and political impact of their work. The report's authors Matt Bolton and Hugh Griffiths will give short briefings on the report and UNICEF UK Ambassador and former BBC war correspondent Martin Bell will speak. Contact: rmoyes@landmineaction.org

13:15 – 15:00

Informal meeting to discuss the entry into force of Protocol V of the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons. Location: Room XXIII, Palais des Nations. A highly relevant meeting for those who work both on ERW clearance and mine action, focusing on practical considerations. All States and relevant organisations are encouraged to attend. Contact: daniel.prins@minbuza.nl

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Briefing on the findings of the 2006 Landmine Monitor Report. Sponsored by the International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL). Location: Room XXVI, Palais des Nations. Contact: lm@icbl.org

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TUESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

08:30 – 10:00

Mine action and armed non state actors. Sponsored by Switzerland and the Geneva Call. Location: Room VIII, Palais des Nations. Contact: remy.friedmann@eda.admin.ch

09:00 – 10:00

UN Event on Lebanon. Sponsored by the United Nations Mine Action Team. Location: Room XXIII, Palais des Nations. This event will cover the problems, challenges and work done in Lebanon by the UN in reducing the humanitarian and socio-economic impact posed by landmines and ERW, most notably unexploded submunitions. Contact: glaurie@unog.ch or abrams@un.org

13:00 – 15:00

Resource Mobilisation Contact Group meeting. Location: Room XXIII, Palais des Nations. Contact: ingunn.vatne@mfa.no

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WEDNESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

09:00 – 10:00

Donor Update on Colombia's Mine Action Programme. Sponsored by UNICEF and others. Location: Room VIII, Palais des Nations. Contact: sball@unicef.org

13:00 – 15:00

Article 7 Contact Group meeting. Location: Room XXIII, Palais des Nations. Contact: paul.huynen@diplobel.fed.be

13:00 – 15:00

Linking Mine Action and Development Contact Group meeting. Location: Room XXVI, Palais des Nations. This informal gathering of interested states and organizations will discuss various approaches for linking mine action to development. Participants are encouraged to discuss strategies, guidelines, advice, tools and best practices for both donors and mine affected countries. This will also be a time to discuss the results of the questionnaire distributed in July on the future direction of the contact group. Contact: Carly.Volkes@international.gc.ca

13:00 – 15:00

Victim Assistance Experts' Meeting. (By invitation). Sponsored by Afghanistan and Switzerland. Location: Room VIII, Palais des Nations. In the Nairobi Action Plan, the States Parties agreed in Action #39 "to ensure an effective contribution in all relevant deliberations by health, rehabilitation and social services professionals and officials. Such experts, particularly those representing States Parties with the greatest numbers of landmine survivors, are invited to share experiences. Contact: s.bailey@gichd.ch

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THURSDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

08:30 – 10:00

Mines and ERW in Lebanon. Sponsored by the ICBL and the Cluster Munitions Coalition. Location: Room XXIII, Palais des Nations. This briefing will address the overall challenge posed to mine action in Lebanon by the aftermath of the recent conflict. A variety of unexploded weapons left by this and past conflicts have not only created a humanitarian problem, but are also interfering with mine clearance work in progress before the conflict. Contact: tamar@icbl.org

09:00 – 10:00

The National Ownership of Mine Action Programmes. Sponsored by the International Peace Research Institute, Oslo (PRIO). Location: Room VIII, Palais des Nations. Contact: kjell@prio.no

13:00 – 15:00

Universalization Contact Group meeting. Location: Room VIII, Palais des Nations. The Contact Group is an informal gathering of States Parties and organizations committed to engaging States not parties, with the shared objective of bringing all states into the Convention. It is an opportunity to exchange information on the results of recent activities and upcoming events, and coordinate universalization efforts. All States Parties and organizations are welcome to participate. Contact: Carly.Volkes@international.gc.ca

13:00 – 15:00

Accelerating the Release of Suspected Mined Land. Sponsored by the GICHD. Location: Room XXIII, Palais des Nations. States Parties have an obligation to destroy "all anti-personnel mines in mined areas under (their) jurisdiction or control" However, identifying these mined areas can be difficult, as initial impact surveys often result in huge estimates of "suspected hazard areas." This session will consist of a briefing and discussion on the work of the

GICHD and others to accelerate the release of "suspect" land by methods other than full clearance, in order to allow States Parties more efficiently meet their clearance deadlines. Current terminology in use and various techniques of technical survey will be explained and a risk management approach will be described, drawing on some examples from around the world. Contact: d.orifici@gichd.ch

13:00 – 15:00

Americas: A Forgotten Continent? Sponsored by the ICBL. Location: Room XXVI, Palais des Nations. Latin America is home to 7 mine affected states and four of the "VA-24". Yet, international attention is increasingly turning away from the region, leaving affected countries alone to face the outstanding challenges of implementation. Panellists from the region will address key issues and challenges with a view to bringing the Americas back into the spotlight of the international community, to ensure the region continues to receive the attention and support it deserves. Contact: tamar@icbl.org

18:30

Mines antipersonnel : les civils en otage. Sponsored by the Museum of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent, the Swiss Foundation for Landmine Victims' Aid and the Institut Jaques-Dalcroze. Location: Museum of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent. Contact: md.depreter@micr.org

FRIDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

13:00 – 15:00

Launch of Arabic version of study on military utility of AP mines ("Friend or Foe"). Sponsored by the ICRC. Location: Room XXIII, Palais des Nations. Arabic-speaking delegates are invited to the launch of the Arabic version of the booklet *Anti-Personnel Landmines: Friend or Foe? A Study on the Military Use and Effectiveness of Anti-Personnel Landmines*. The main conclusion of this study undertaken by senior military experts in 1996 and updated in 2004 was that the high human cost of anti-personnel mines is never justified by their very limited military utility. The launch will include opening statements by H.R.H. Prince Mired, Chairman of Jordan's National Committee for Demining and Rehabilitation, and the ICRC's delegate general for the Middle East and North Africa (tbc), followed by a panel discussion by military experts. Contact: klawand@icrc.org

13:00 – 15:00

In Our Lifetime: A Forum for Strengthening Youth Leadership in Mine Action. Sponsored by Mines Action Canada. Location: Room VIII, Palais des Nations. This briefing on the proposed 2007 Youth Model Review Conference, taking place at 8MSP in Jordan, will include a discussion on opportunities for donors, partners, and youth involvement in this unique international youth event. Following the briefing, interested parties will be invited to exchange experiences in integrating youth into their activities, lessons learned and effective strategies for engagement. Contact: christa@minesactioncanada.org

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Closing event: Inauguration of a giant mural & arrival of cyclist Armin Köhli. Sponsored by the Swiss Campaign to Ban Landmines, Geneva Call, the Swiss Foundation for Landmine Victims' Aid and the Swiss Confederation. Transportation from the Palais des Nations to be provided. Location: Rue des Savoises, Plainpalais. Over five days, the graffiti artists Serval, Jazi and Jag will create a 160 m2 mural on the theme of mine victims. This event coincides with the end of double amputee-cyclist Armin Köhli's 5-day "Tour de Suisse" around Switzerland's major cities. Contact: yhanggi@genevacall.org

19:00

Mines de rien. Sponsored by the Swiss Foundation for Landmine Victims' Aid and the Institut Jaques-Dalcroze. Location: Institut Jaques-Dalcroze, rue de la Terrasse 44. *Mines de Rien* expresses youth's views and feelings on landmines' devastating impact through poetry, songs and choreography. Conceived by young people living in a country not affected by this indiscriminate weapon, it shows their commitment towards a more peaceful world. Tickets are available at: Service Culturel Migros Genève, rue du Prince 7, Genève; and, Manor, rue Cornavin 6, Genève. Adults: CHF 40 and children (under 15 years old): CHF 15. Contact: project@mine-victime.ch