



The Cartagena Summit on a Mine-Free World

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ADVICE TO DELEGATIONS ON PREPARING FOR THE CARTAGENA SUMMIT

4 NOVEMBER 2009

1. OPENING OF THE SECOND REVIEW CONFERENCE

- The President of the Ninth Meeting of the States Parties, Ambassador Jürg Streuli of Switzerland, will preside over the election of Ambassador Susan Eckey of Norway as the President of the Second Review Conference. (Agenda Items #1 and #2)
- The President will ask the conference to adopt the agenda, programme and rules of procedure for the Second Review Conference (documents recommended for adoption by the First Preparatory Meeting) and the budget for the Second Review Conference (a document recommended for adoption by the Second Preparatory Meeting. (Agenda Items #3, #4, #5 and #8)
- The President will ask the conference to confirm the appointment of Ambassador Clara Inés Vargas Silva of Colombia as Secretary-General of the Second Review Conference and to elect the following as Vice Presidents of the Second Review Conference: Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Chile, Italy, Japan, Thailand and Zambia. (Agenda Items #6 and #7)
- As delegations were informed at both Preparatory Meetings, **general statements are not foreseen at the beginning of the conference and during the first three days of it.** The intent is to immediately begin work the morning of Monday 30 November reviewing the operation and status of the Convention and carrying out the conference's other tasks.

2. REVIEW OF THE OPERATION AND STATUS OF THE CONVENTION

- Much of the first three days of the Second Review Conference will be dedicated to Agenda Item #9, the "Review of the operation and status of the Convention". This agenda item, which is broken down according to the core aims of the Convention and the other matters important for achieving the Convention's aims, provides the opportunity for engagement by delegations as follows:
 - Delegations are invited to share their views and experiences (4 minutes maximum) regarding (a) what accomplishments have been made since the 2004 First Review Conference, (b) what main challenges remain, and (c) what is needed beyond the Second Review Conference to overcome these challenges.
 - Delegations may remark on relevant portions of the Review and the Action Plan with a particular invitation to delegations to indicate how, on a national basis, they intend to apply the Action Plan during the period 2010 to 2014.
- **Victim Assistance (Monday 30 November)**

States Parties responsible for significant numbers of mine survivors may wish to provide brief inputs on the basis of the following questions: Since the First Review Conference, what has your greatest accomplishment been as concerns assisting the victims? What is your most

pressing remaining challenge? How do you intend to overcome this and other challenges over the next five years?

Other delegations may wish to provide brief inputs on the basis of the following questions: Since the First Review Conference, what has the greatest accomplishment for the Convention been in assisting the victims? What is our most pressing remaining challenge? How shall we overcome this and other challenges over the next five years?

All delegations may wish to remark on the victim assistance portions of the Review and the Action Plan, particularly to indicate how, on a national basis, they intend to apply the Action Plan during the period 2010 to 2014.

➤ **Cooperation and Assistance (Monday 30 November)**

All delegations may wish to consider providing brief inputs on the basis of the following questions: Since the First Review Conference, what has the greatest accomplishment for the Convention been in cooperation and assistance? What is our most pressing remaining challenge? How shall we overcome this and other challenges over the next five years?

All delegations may wish to remark on the cooperation and assistance portions of the Review and the Action Plan, particularly to indicate how, on a national basis, they intend to apply the Action Plan during the period 2010 to 2014.

➤ **Universalisation (Tuesday 1 December)**

States not parties may wish to provide brief updates on the status of efforts to accede to the Convention.

Other delegations may wish to provide brief inputs on the basis of the following questions: Since the First Review Conference, what has the greatest accomplishment for the Convention been in universalisation? What is our most pressing remaining challenge? How shall we overcome this and other challenges over the next five years?

All delegations may wish to remark on the universalisation portions of the Review and the Action Plan, particularly to indicate how, on a national basis, they intend to apply the Action Plan during the period 2010 to 2014.

➤ **Clearing mined areas (Tuesday 1 December)**

States Parties that have completed implementation of Article 5 since the 9MSP are invited to formally present their declarations of completion.

States Parties that were granted extensions at the 9MSP on their deadlines for implementing Article 5 are invited to provide brief updates on their efforts relative to the accounting of remaining mined areas / annual benchmarks for progress that are contained in the requests, in the analyses of them and in the decisions on them.

Other States Parties in the process of fulfilling Article 5 obligations may wish to provide brief inputs on the basis of the following questions: Since the First Review Conference, what has your greatest accomplishment been as concerns clearing mined areas? What is your most pressing remaining challenge? How do you intend to overcome this and other challenges over the next five years?

Other delegations may wish to provide brief inputs on the basis of the following questions: Since the First Review Conference, what has the greatest accomplishment for the Convention been in clearing mined areas? What is our most pressing remaining challenge? How shall we overcome this and other challenges over the next five years?

All delegations may wish to remark on the mine clearance portions of the Review and the Action Plan, particularly to indicate how, on a national basis, they intend to apply the Action Plan during the period 2010 to 2014.

➤ **Destroying stockpiled anti-personnel mines (Tuesday 1 December)**

States Parties in the process of fulfilling Article 4 stockpile destruction obligations may wish to provide brief inputs on the basis of the following questions: Since the First Review Conference, what has your greatest accomplishment been as concerns destroying stockpiled mines? What is your most pressing remaining challenge? How do you intend to overcome this and other challenges over the next five years?

Other delegations may wish to provide brief inputs on the basis of the following questions: Since the First Review Conference, what has the greatest accomplishment for the Convention been in destroying stockpiled mines? What is our most pressing remaining challenge? How shall we overcome this and other challenges following the Second Review Conference?

All delegations may wish to remark on the stockpile destruction portions of the Review and the Action Plan, particularly to indicate how, on a national basis, they intend to apply the Action Plan during the period 2010 to 2014.

➤ **Other matters important for achieving the Convention's aims (Wednesday 2 December)**

All delegations may wish to consider providing brief inputs on the basis of the following questions: Since the First Review Conference, what have the greatest accomplishments for the Convention been in transparency in implementation, in taking measures to ensure compliance and in implementation support? What is our most pressing remaining challenge? How shall we overcome this and other challenges over the next five years?

All delegations may wish to remark on the transparency in implementation, measures to ensure compliance and implementation support portions of the Review and the Action Plan, particularly to indicate how, on a national basis, they intend to apply the Action Plan during the period 2010 to 2014.

Also with respect to the matter of implementation support, the Director of the GICHD will present his report on the functioning of the Implementation Support Unit and the President will seek agreement on a mandate to undertake detailed examination and evaluation of the Implementation Support Unit.

3. REQUESTS SUBMITTED UNDER ARTICLE 5 OF THE CONVENTION

- During the afternoon session on Monday 30 November, Argentina, Cambodia, Tajikistan and Uganda will present the requests they have submitted for extensions on their deadlines for implementing Article 5 of the Convention. Following each presentation, the President of the 9MSP will present the analysis of the request in question. Delegations may then ask questions of the requesting State Party or make comments on the request. (Agenda Item #10)
- Delegations will have until Wednesday 2 December to consult one another on the requests that have been submitted. During the afternoon session on Wednesday 2 December, the President will ask for the States Parties to take decisions on the requests that have been submitted (Agenda Item #11).

4. DATES, DURATION AND LOCATIONS OF FUTURE MEETINGS

- At the Second Preparatory Meeting, there was general support for the States Parties taking a number of decisions on a post-Cartagena meeting programme. (Agenda Item #12) During the afternoon session on Wednesday 2 December, the States Parties will be asked to agree to the following:

In considering a meeting programme that would best meet the needs of the States Parties during the period following the Second Review Conference, the conference took the following decisions:

- i. *To hold annually, until a Third Review Conference, a Meeting of the States Parties and informal intersessional meetings of the Standing Committees.*
- ii. *To hold a Third Review Conference at the end of 2014.*

- iii. *To call upon the States Parties to be flexible and pragmatic in addressing changing circumstances by reviewing decisions, as necessary, regarding their 2010-2014 programme of meetings at each Meeting of the States Parties prior to the Third Review Conference.*
- iv. *To call upon the Chair of the Coordinating Committee to continue the practice of keeping all States Parties apprised of the Coordinating Committee's efforts in fulfilling its mandate of coordinating matters relating to and flowing from the work of the Standing Committees with the work of the Meetings of the States Parties.*

With particular regard to meetings to be held in 2010, the conference took the following decisions:

- i. *To hold meetings of the Standing Committees in Geneva the week of 21-25 June 2010 with the length of individual meetings and their sequencing, and duration of the entire period of meetings to be established by the Coordinating Committee.*
- ii. *To call upon the Coordinating Committee to review the operation of the Intersessional Work Programme, with the Chair of the Coordinating Committee consulting widely on this matter and presenting a report and, if necessary, recommendations to the Tenth Meeting of the States Parties.*
- iii. *To hold the Tenth Meeting of the States Parties in Geneva the week of 29 November to 3 December 2010.*
- iv. *To designate INSERT NAME President of the Tenth Meeting of the States Parties.*
- v. *To elect the following States Parties to serve as the Co-Chairs and Co-Rapporteurs of the Standing Committees until the end of the Tenth Meeting of the States Parties:*
 - *Mine Clearance, Mine Risk Education and Mine Action Technologies: Greece and Nigeria (Co-Chairs), Colombia and Switzerland (Co-Rapporteurs);*
 - *Victim Assistance and Socio-Economic Reintegration: Peru and Turkey (Co-Chairs), Australia and Uganda (Co-Rapporteurs);*
 - *Stockpile Destruction: Bulgaria and Indonesia (Co-Chairs), Lithuania and the Philippines (Co-Rapporteurs);*
 - *The General Status and Operation of the Convention: Ecuador and Slovenia (Co-Chairs), Canada and Thailand (Co-Rapporteurs).*

With particular regard to meetings to be held in 2011, the conference warmly welcomed the offer made by Cambodia to host and preside over the Eleventh Meeting of the States Parties.

5. RECOMMENDATION FOR ADOPTION OF THE FINAL DOCUMENTS

- It is the President's desire that by the end of the afternoon session on Wednesday 2 December the conference will recommend for adoption the final documents. (Agenda Item #13)

6. HIGH LEVEL SEGMENT

- The Cartagena Summit on a Mine-Free World will feature a High Level Segment that will take place on Thursday 3 December from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 16:00 to 19:00, continuing on Friday 4 December until the speakers' list has been exhausted. (Agenda Item #14) A high level representative of each delegation is invited to participate by delivering a statement that should not exceed six minutes in length.
- In the establishment of a speakers' list, precedence will be given to participants at the level of State Secretary, Minister or higher with States Parties delivering their statements prior to statements being delivered by high level representatives of observer delegations. Flexibility will be accorded to participants at the level of State Secretary, Minister or higher who wish to speak at a time other than the opening session of the high level segment.
- Immediately after each high level participant delivers his or her statement, he or she will be escorted to a nearby room to sign a ceremonial version of the *Cartagena Declaration*. He or she may bring into the signing room others who he or she wishes to witness this event. A photographer will record each ceremonial signing.

- Heads of delegations will be invited to a lunch on Thursday 3 December, hosted by the President of Colombia, Dr. Alvaro Uribe Velez, at 14:00. Note that due to the timing of this lunch, the afternoon session on Thursday 3 December will take place from 16:00 to 19:00.
- High level delegates will be invited to participate in a field visit that will take place in the morning of Friday 4 December. Those participating in the field visit will have the opportunity to see results of a mine clearance effort in Colombia and the challenges that remain in order to assure effective development of the village and return of the displaced families.

7. CLOSURE OF THE SECOND REVIEW CONFERENCE

- Following an opportunity for any other business, the conference will be asked to formally adopt the Final Report, the Review, the Cartagena Action Plan and the Cartagena Declaration. The conference will end with a closing ceremony. (Agenda Items #15, #16 and #17)

* At the 9MSP, "the Meeting noted that the accounting of the remaining mined areas contained in many extension requests would serve as a foundation for a resource mobilisation strategy and greatly assist both requesting States Parties and all others in assessing progress in implementation during the extension period. The Meeting encouraged those requesting States Parties that have not yet done so to provide an accounting of annual milestones of progress to be achieved during extension periods. The Meeting furthermore encouraged all States Parties whose requests had been considered by the Ninth Meeting to provide updates relative to their accounting of remaining mined areas and / or annual benchmarks for progress at meetings of the Standing Committees, at the Second Review Conference and at Meetings of the States Parties."