

Initial ideas regarding the Tenth Meeting of the State Parties

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The Tenth Meeting of the States Parties (10MSP) will serve as the culmination of the first year of the application of the Cartagena Action Plan. In this regard and in keeping with the practices employed between Nairobi and Cartagena, I intend to produce a progress report to support the application of the Cartagena Action Plan by measuring progress since Cartagena and highlighting priority areas of work to be acted upon between the 10MSP and the 11MSP. As we are dealing with a new Action Plan, we will begin with a blank page in terms drafting this progress report. That is, the starting point for the 10MSP progress report will be the Cartagena Action Plan, not the text from the previous progress reports.

In addition to the 10MSP serving as an instance to assess progress and highlight key challenges, the meeting will need to consider the following matters:

- The Second Review Conference mandated an evaluation of the Implementation Support Unit and that the task force leading this effort would present its final report and recommendations to the State Parties in time for adoption at the 10MSP.
- The Second Review Conference also mandated the Coordinating Committee to review the Intersessional Work Programme presenting a report and, if necessary, recommendations to the 10MSP.
- Concerning the Intersessional Work Programme, the 10MSP will need to elect new Co-Rapporteurs.
- In addition, the 10MSP will need to consider requests for mine clearance extensions that will be submitted by six to seven State Parties.
- Given the interest expressed by State Parties in Cartagena regarding revitalising cooperation and assistance, we may wish to give greater attention to this matter at the 10MSP.
- The 10MSP may also further highlight the importance we attach to victim assistance.

Regarding the programme for the 10MSP, I believe the general format of the programme used at the 9MSP may serve as a basis for the 10MSP, adapted to take into account the particular context we find ourselves in one year after Cartagena. The main features of the programme that I wish to propose are as follows:

- Given the volume of work that must be dealt with at the 10MSP, States Parties and observers would be encouraged to refrain from making general statements but rather provide updates on implementation on thematic matters. In addition, if they wish, delegations could distribute written statements rather than deliver oral statements.
- In keeping with the practices successfully employed at the 9MSP and the Second Review Conference, at the beginning of the meeting there would be an opportunity for informal presentations of and discussions on Article 5 extension requests with the States Parties returning to formal consideration of these requests at the end of the meeting.

- Given the interest in enhancing international cooperation and assistance in the Convention and the attention given to this matter since the Second Review Conference, the 10MSP programme would feature a session set aside to address this matter.
- In keeping with the manner in which we have traditionally organized our work, the “consideration of the general status and operation of the Convention” would be organized thematically to include universalization, stockpile destruction, mine clearance, victim assistance and the other matters important for achieving our aims. To clearly signal the importance we attached to victim assistance, the first topic to be considered – as was the case in Cartagena – would be victim assistance.
- Matters arising from the evaluation of the Implementation Support Unit would be an agenda item dealt with on the morning of Friday 3 December. Other matters pertaining “implementation support”, including any matter arising from the review of the Intersessional Work Programme, would be dealt with during the appropriate sub-item under “consideration of the general status and operation of the Convention”

In terms of next steps, I intend to proceed as follows, seeking the cooperation and support of the States Parties and others every step along the way:

- If the agenda and programme that I have proposed are generally acceptable, I will proceed in requesting that the Implementation Support Unit transmit them to the 10MSP Executive Secretary for adoption at the beginning of the 10MSP.
- Working in close cooperation with the Co-Chairs and others, I will proceed in preparing a first draft of a progress report covering the period from the close of the Cartagena Summit until the 10MSP. States Parties and interested organizations are invited to provide their initial input to me by 2 July. I will then aim to distribute a first draft in the middle of August.
- On Tuesday 7 September from 13:00 to 15:00 in Geneva, I will convene an informal meeting in advance of the 10MSP. The purpose of this meeting will be to seek your views with respect to the draft progress report and to review the other matters of substance that are being prepared for the 10MSP.
- Should there be a need for an additional informal meeting, I will look at the possibility of convening one in November.

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DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Official opening of the meeting
2. Election of the President
3. Brief messages delivered by or on behalf of Nobel Peace Prize laureate Jody Williams, the President of the International Committee of the Red Cross, the President of the Council of the Foundation of the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining and the Secretary General of the United Nations.
4. Adoption of the agenda
5. Adoption of the rules of procedure
6. Adoption of the budget
7. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the meeting and of other officers
8. Confirmation of the Secretary-General of the meeting
9. Organization of work
10. General exchange of views¹
11. Informal presentation of requests submitted under Article 5 and of the analysis of these requests
12. Enhancing international cooperation and assistance in the context of the Convention
13. Consideration of the general status and operation of the Convention
 - (a) Universalizing the Convention
 - (b) Destroying stockpiled anti-personnel mines
 - (c) Clearing mined areas
 - (d) Assisting the victims
 - (e) Other matters essential for achieving the Convention's aims
 - i. Transparency and the exchange of information
 - ii. Preventing and suppressing prohibited activities and facilitating compliance.
 - iii. Implementation Support
14. Evaluation of the Implementation Support Unit

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15. Consideration of requests submitted under Article 5
 16. Consideration of matters arising from / in the context of reports submitted under Article 7
 17. Consideration of requests submitted under Article 8
 18. Date, duration and location of the Eleventh Meeting of the States Parties, and matters pertaining to the preparations for the Eleventh Meeting.
 19. Any other business
 20. Consideration and adoption of the final document
 21. Closure of the Tenth Meeting of the States Parties
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DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORK

Monday 29 November

10:00 – 11:00

Opening ceremony

11:00 – 13:00

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9. Organization of work
10. General exchange of views²

15:00 – 18:00

11. Informal presentation of requests submitted under Article 5 and of the analysis of these requests

Tuesday 30 November

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10:00 – 13:00

11. Informal presentation of requests submitted under Article 5 and of the analysis of these requests (continued).

15:00 – 18:00

12. Enhancing international cooperation and assistance in the context of the Convention

Wednesday 1 December

10:00 – 13:00

13. Consideration of the general status and operation of the Convention

- (a) Assisting the victims

15:00 – 18:00

13. Consideration of the general status and operation of the Convention (continued)

- (a) Assisting the victims (continued)
- (b) Clearing mined areas

Thursday 2 December

10:00 – 13:00

13. Consideration of the general status and operation of the Convention (continued)

- (b) Clearing mined areas (continued)

15:00 – 18:00

13. Consideration of the general status and operation of the Convention (continued)

- (c) Destroying stockpiled anti-personnel mines
- (d) Universalizing the Convention

Friday 3 December

10:00 – 13:00

14. Evaluation of the Implementation Support Unit

13. Consideration of the general status and operation of the Convention (continued)

- (e) Other matters essential for achieving the Convention's aims
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