



MEETINGS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES 20-24 JUNE 2011

PROGRAMME

MONDAY 20 JUNE 2011

OPENING OF THE WEEK OF STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

10:00 Opening of the week of meetings

The week of meetings will be opened by the President of the Tenth Meeting of the States Parties (10MSP), H.E. Gazmend Turdiu of Albania, and by the Director of the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining, Ambassador Stephan Husy.

Please note: (a) Participants are encouraged to participate actively in discussions on specific topics and to refrain from making statements of a general nature. (b) The principle of flexibility will be applied with respect to time allocation (e.g., if one Standing Committee meeting uses less than its allocated time the subsequent Standing Committee meeting could immediately commence). (c) States Parties providing updates on implementation are encouraged to provide only new information.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE GENERAL STATUS AND OPERATION OF THE CONVENTION

10:15 Opening of the meeting by the Co-Chairs

- Introduction by the Co-Chairs (Canada and Thailand) on the work of the Standing Committee.

Overview of the general status of implementation: Update on the pursuit of the aims of the Cartagena Action Plan

- The President of the 10MSP, H.E. Gazmend Turdiu, will provide an overview of the pursuit of the aims of the *Cartagena Action Plan*.

Overview of the general status of universalisation
(Cartagena Action Plan: #1-#6)

The *Cartagena Action Plan* recorded the resolve of the States Parties to achieve universal adherence to the Convention and its norms in order to realise the goal of a world free of anti-personnel mines.

- Update by the incoming and outgoing Coordinators of the Universalisation Contact Group, (Belgium and Canada).
- Update by the 10MSP President, H.E. Gazmend Turdiu, and the President's Special Envoy on the Universalisation of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention, His Royal Highness Prince Mired Raad Al-Hussein of Jordan.
- Opportunity for States not parties that have taken steps towards ratification of, or accession to, the Convention to provide updates or make announcements regarding the date when they intend to join the Convention.
- Opportunity for States Parties and organisations that have contributed to universalisation efforts to provide updates on their activities.

Implementation Support Unit: Agreement between the States Parties and the GICHD

At the 10MSP, the States Parties endorsed the final report of the ISU Task Force and, in doing so, mandated the President, in consultation with the States Parties, to conclude an amended agreement with the GICHD regarding the ISU. In connection with endorsement of the Task Force report, the 10MSP President stated that, following discussions with the GICHD, the draft amended agreement will be circulated to all States Parties, an informal meeting will be called and the draft amended agreement will be submitted to all States Parties for approval at the intersessional meeting in June 2011.

- President of the 10MSP
- Discussion

Implementation Support Unit: Financing models

Also in endorsing the final report of the ISU Task Force, the 10MSP tasked the President to establish an informal open-ended working group to examine new models for the financing of the ISU and present recommendations and draft decisions on the most feasible comprehensive financing model for adoption by the 11MSP, so it may be effective from the financial year 2012.

- President of the 10MSP
- Discussion

Implementation Support Unit: update on activities and finances
(Cartagena Action Plan: #64, #66)

Also in endorsing the final report of the ISU Task Force, the 10MSP adopted the “Directive from the States Parties to the ISU”. This “Directive” indicates inter alia that the ISU shall “report in written form as well as orally on the activities, functioning and finances of the ISU to each Meeting of the States Parties or Review Conference and to informal meetings under the Convention as appropriate”. In addition, while the decisions of the 10MSP included tasking the President to establish a working group to examine new models for the financing of the ISU, it remains the States Parties’ collective responsibility in 2011 to fund the ISU’s core work plan through the existing funding model.

- Director of the ISU
- Discussion.

Transparency and the exchange of information
(Cartagena Action Plan: #11, #12, #14, #17, #28, #54, #55)

At the 10MSP, the States Parties considered a paper presented by Belgium, which highlighted the importance of further discussions on a number of matters concerning the Convention’s transparency provisions and the reporting process. In this paper, Belgium indicated that it would like to “engage all States Parties and stakeholder organisations in a discussion to explore possible means of revitalising the Article 7 reporting process, with an equal focus on the problems of reporting regularity, precision and quality”.

- Presentation by the Coordinator of the Article 7 Contact Group, Belgium.
- Discussion

Compliance
(Cartagena Action Plan: #53)

At the Cartagena Summit, the States Parties agreed that “all States Parties will, in case of alleged or known non-compliance with the Convention, work together with the States Parties concerned to resolve the matter expeditiously in a manner consistent with Article 8.1”. The 10MSP Geneva Progress Report recorded that the States Parties were informed about an allegation that may relate to compliance with the Convention’s prohibitions within the territory of a particular State Party.

- Opportunity for updates and an exchange of views on compliance.

13:00 Meeting adjourns until Friday 24 June at 15:00

STANDING COMMITTEE ON STOCKPILE DESTRUCTION

15:00 Opening of the meeting by the Co-Chairs

- The Co-Chairs (Lithuania and the Philippines) will set the scene for the work of the Standing Committee through a presentation that recalls salient aspects of the Review and Action Plan adopted in Cartagena and the 10MSP Geneva Progress Report.

An overview of the status of stockpile destruction

- Views of the ICBL on the state of implementation.

Updates from relevant States Parties on the status of implementation ***(Cartagena Action Plan: #7-#11)***

At the Second Review Conference, it was agreed that “States Parties that have missed their deadlines for Article 4 implementation will comply without delay by destroying all stockpiles and provide a plan to ensure compliance as soon as possible and in strict conformity with relevant safety and environmental standards, including for this purpose relevant legislative measures taken, structures established, committed national resources, assistance needed and committed, and an expected completion date”. As of the close of the 10MSP, four States Parties were still in the process of implementing Article 4.¹

- Opportunity for updates (approximately 7-8 minutes) by States Parties that are in the process of complying with their Article 4 stockpile destruction obligations. These updates have been requested in response to the following three questions:
 1. What is your plan to ensure compliance as soon as possible?
 2. What progress has been made in the implementation of Article 4 since the 10MSP?
 3. What is your expected completion date?
- Opportunity for comments and questions.

The destruction of previously unknown stockpiles ***(Cartagena Action Plan: #12)***

In the *Cartagena Action Plan*, it was agreed that all States Parties will, when previously unknown stockpiles are discovered after stockpile destruction deadlines have passed, report such discoveries in accordance with their obligations under Article 7, and in addition take advantage of other informal means to share such information as soon as possible and destroy these anti-personnel mines as a matter of urgent priority.

- Opportunity for updates by States Parties on previously unknown stockpiles of anti-personnel mines.

¹ Belarus, Greece, Turkey and Ukraine

- Opportunity for comments and questions.

Updates on other developments and initiatives in support of the application of the stockpile destruction aspects of the Cartagena Action Plan

- Opportunity for brief updates on other developments and initiatives in support of the application of the stockpile destruction aspects of the *Cartagena Action Plan*.

Closing remarks by the Co-Chairs

16:30 (Approximate timing) **Meeting ends**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON
MINE CLEARANCE, MINE RISK EDUCATION AND MINE ACTION TECHNOLOGIES**

16:30² **Opening of the meeting by the Co-Chairs**

- The Co-Chairs (Colombia and Switzerland) will open the meeting by providing an overview of the work of the Standing Committee, reporting on initiatives that they have undertaken and delivering a presentation on the status of the implementation of Article 5.

Updates by States Parties that have completed implementation of Article 5 since the 10MSP

Some States Parties may be in a position to report that they have completed implementation of Article 5 of the Convention since the 10MSP.

- Updates by States Parties that have completed implementation of Article 5 since the 10MSP.
- Opportunity for comments and questions.

Updates by States Parties that have been granted extensions on deadlines for implementing Article 5

At Meetings of the States Parties and at the Second Review Conference, it was agreed that those States Parties that have been granted extensions on their deadlines for implementing Article 5 of the Convention would provide updates at meetings of the Standing Committees relative to the commitments they had made in their extension requests and to the decisions taken on their requests. The following States Parties will therefore be invited to provide such

² The Standing Committee on Mine Clearance, Mine Risk Education and Mine Action Technologies will begin its work immediately following the close of the meeting of the Standing Committee on Stockpile Destruction.

updates: Argentina, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Chad, Colombia, Croatia, Denmark, Ecuador, Guinea Bissau, Jordan, Mauritania, Peru, Senegal, Tajikistan, Thailand, Uganda, United Kingdom, Venezuela, Yemen and Zimbabwe.³

- Updates by States Parties that have been granted extensions on deadlines for implementing Article 5.
- After each set of five presentations, the Co-Chairs will provide an opportunity for comments or questions.

18:00 Meeting adjourns until Tuesday 21 June at 10:00

TUESDAY 21 JUNE 2011

STANDING COMMITTEE ON MINE CLEARANCE, MINE RISK EDUCATION AND MINE ACTION TECHNOLOGIES

10:00 Updates by States Parties that were granted extensions on deadlines for implementing Article 5

- Continued from the previous day's session.
- After each set of five presentations, the Co-Chairs will provide an opportunity for comments or questions.

Updates by States Parties that have submitted requests in 2011

By the time of the meeting of the Standing Committee, four States Parties – Algeria, Chile, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Eritrea will have submitted requests for extensions for consideration at the Eleventh Meeting of the States Parties (11MSP). In addition, the process of analysing requests, agreed to at the Seventh Meeting of the States Parties, will have commenced.

- Presentation by the President of the 10MSP on the status of requests received and the analysis of them.
- Opportunity for States Parties that have submitted requests to share highlights of their requests with the Standing Committee.
- Following each presentation, there will be an opportunity for comments and questions.

13:00 Meeting adjourns until 15:00

³ In addition to these States Parties, Cambodia and Mozambique have also been granted extensions. Detailed updates will be provided by Cambodia and Mozambique on Thursday 23 June during the time set aside for experimenting with different ways of conducting intersessional work.

15:00 Updates by other States Parties in the process of implementing Article 5

In addition to the States Parties that have been granted extension requests or that have submitted requests for consideration by the 11MSP, as of the close of the 10MSP, the following States Parties were still in the process of implementing Article 5: Afghanistan, Angola, Bhutan, Burundi, Congo, Cyprus, Ethiopia, Gambia, Iraq, Nigeria, Serbia, Sudan and Turkey.

Of particular interest regarding these and other States Parties implementing Article 5 is the emphasis the Second Review Conference placed on the fact that “several States Parties, including some for which the Convention entered into force several years ago, have not yet provided clarity pursuant to their obligation under Article 7, paragraph 1(c), to report on the location of all mined areas that contain or are suspect to contain, anti-personnel mines.”⁴

- Opportunity for updates by those States Parties which have indicated that they are in the process of fulfilling obligations under Article 5 of the Convention.
- Opportunity for comments and questions.

18:00 Meeting adjourns until Wednesday 22 June at 10:00

WEDNESDAY 22 JUNE 2011

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON
MINE CLEARANCE, MINE RISK EDUCATION AND MINE ACTION TECHNOLOGIES**

10:00 What happens after completion?

At the Second Review Conference, the States Parties noted that they “have come to see that the lessons derived from fulfilling Article 5 obligations are applicable in addressing related challenges associated with other explosive remnants of war. In many instances, the organisational structures, the capacities that have been built and the standards that have been established largely as a result of the need to implement Article 5 are also being applied to address weapons contamination more broadly.”⁵

The Co-Chairs wish to draw upon the experience of States Parties that have completed implementation of Article 5 to provide an opportunity for the Standing Committee to discuss questions such as: Following completion, how have States Parties made best use of the materiel and human resources which have been at their disposal for Article 5 implementation? How have they adapted coordination and management structures developed for Article 5 implementation and applied the knowledge gained from Article 5 implementation to address other challenges? How should States Parties prepare for completion?

⁴ Review of the Operation and Status of the Convention, 2005-2009, paragraph 79.

⁵ Review of the Operation and Status of the Convention, 2005-2009, paragraph 97.

- Presentations by States Parties that have completed Article 5 implementation.
- Discussion.

11:15 Updates from relevant States Parties on the status of implementation of Article 5 (continued, if necessary)

- Continued from the previous day's session.

Updates on other developments and initiatives in support of the application of the mine clearance aspects of the Cartagena Action Plan

- The Co-Chairs will provide an opportunity for brief updates on other developments and initiatives in support of the application of the mine clearance aspects of the Cartagena Action Plan.

13:00 Meeting ends

STANDING COMMITTEE ON VICTIM ASSISTANCE AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC REINTEGRATION

15:00 Opening of the meeting by the Co-Chairs

- The Co-Chairs (Australia and Uganda) will open the meeting noting that the primary aim of the meeting is to support progress of the States Parties that have reported responsibility for significant numbers of landmine victims in fulfilling the commitments made in the Cartagena Action Plan to address the needs and protect the rights of landmine survivors, their families and communities.
- The Co-Chairs will set the scene for the work of the Standing Committee through a presentation that recalls salient aspects of the Cartagena Action Plan and the 10MSP Geneva Progress Report.

Updates from relevant States Parties on efforts to apply the victim assistance aspects of the Cartagena Action Plan at the national level

- The Co-Chairs will provide an opportunity for updates (maximum 7-8 minutes) to be provided by those States Parties that have indicated that they hold the responsibility to provide for the well-being of significant numbers of landmine survivors. These States Parties have been asked to respond to the following three questions:
 - Since the 10MSP, what has your State done at the national level to raise awareness on the Cartagena Action Plan?
 - Has further progress been made on any specific actions in the Cartagena Action Plan?

- What plans does your State have to ensure the application of the VA provisions contained within the Cartagena Action Plan?
- The Co-Chairs will provide an opportunity for comments and questions in response to the presentations made by those States Parties that have indicated that they hold the responsibility to provide for the well-being of significant numbers of landmine survivors.

18:00 Meeting adjourns until Thursday 23 June 2011 at 09:00

THURSDAY 23 JUNE 2011

STANDING COMMITTEE ON VICTIM ASSISTANCE AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC REINTEGRATION

09:00 Updates from relevant States Parties on efforts to apply the victim assistance aspects of the Cartagena Action Plan at the national level (continued)

- Updates (maximum 7-8 minutes) will continue to be provided by those States Parties that have indicated that they hold the responsibility to provide for the well-being of significant numbers of landmine survivors. These States Parties have been asked to respond to the following three questions:
 - Since the 10MSP, what has your State done at the national level to raise awareness on the Cartagena Action Plan?
 - Has further progress been made on any specific actions in the Cartagena Action Plan?
 - What plans does your State have to ensure the application of the VA provisions contained within the Cartagena Action Plan?
- The Co-Chairs will provide an opportunity for comments and questions in response to the presentations made by those States Parties that have indicated that they hold the responsibility to provide for the well-being of significant numbers of landmine survivors.

Updates from and views of other States Parties and other actors on efforts to apply the victim assistance aspects of the Cartagena Action Plan

- Time permitting, the Co-Chairs will provide an opportunity for other States Parties and other actors to provide updates and share views on the application of the victim assistance aspects of the Cartagena Action Plan.

11:00 Meeting adjourns until 16:00

EXPERIMENTING WITH NEW WAYS OF USING THE INTERSESSIONAL WORK PROGRAMME

11:30 A focus on national contexts and other ways to support the application of the Cartagena Action Plan

At the 10MSP, the States Parties requested the Coordinating Committee to allocate time during the week of meetings for Co-Chairs and others to experiment with new ways to more intensively focus on national contexts or to otherwise support progress in the application of the Cartagena Action Plan. Pursuant to this decision, the Co-Chairs of three Standing Committees have decided to convene concurrent small group discussions.

Mine Clearance: Implementing plans in Article 5 extension requests – Cambodia	Victim Assistance: Applying the victim assistance aspects of the Cartagena Action Plan – Afghanistan	General Status: National implementing legislation (Article 9)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Presentation by Cambodia ➤ Presentations by actors assisting Cambodia in implementing Article 5 ➤ Discussion on assisting Cambodia in fulfilling commitments contained in its Article 5 extension request 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Presentation by Afghanistan ➤ Discussion on cooperation to assist Afghanistan in applying the victim assistance aspects of the Cartagena Action Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Presentation by the ICRC ➤ Case studies of States Parties which have adopted legislation / reported existing legislation as being sufficient / are in the process of reviewing legislative aspects ➤ Discussion on cooperation to assist in implementing Article 9 of the Convention

13:00 Break

14:00 A focus on national contexts and other ways to support the application of the Cartagena Action Plan (continued)

Mine Clearance: Implementing plans in Article 5 extension requests – Mozambique	Victim Assistance: Applying the victim assistance aspects of the Cartagena Action Plan – [TBC]
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Presentation by Mozambique ➤ Presentations by actors assisting Mozambique in implementing Article 5 ➤ Discussion on assisting Mozambique in fulfilling commitments contained in its Article 5 extension request 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Presentation by [TBC] ➤ Discussion on cooperation to assist [TBC] in applying the victim assistance aspects of the Cartagena Action Plan

15:30 Small group discussions end

STANDING COMMITTEE ON VICTIM ASSISTANCE AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC REINTEGRATION

16:00 The World Report on Disability and its relationship to the AP Mine Ban Convention

- In response to the need for better research and data on disability, the WHO and World Bank have been working on global report on disability for the past five years. This report, to be launched on 9 June, should be of great interest to the States Parties as it explores evidence about discrimination and barriers, identifies need, and provides an analysis of what works to improve the lives of people with disabilities in the areas of health, rehabilitation, support services, information, infrastructure, transportation, education and employment.
- Experts from the WHO and World Bank will be invited to present relevant parts of the World Report on Disability and to discuss the applicability of the Report for States Parties implementing the victim assistance provisions of the Cartagena Action Plan.

Closing remarks by the Co-Chairs

18:00 Meeting ends⁶

FRIDAY 24 JUNE 2011

STANDING COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES, COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE

10:00 Opening of the meeting by the Chair

- The Chair (the 10MSP President) will open the meeting noting that the primary aim of the meeting is to build upon the progress made during the special session on cooperation and assistance that took place in June 2010 and on follow-up discussions that took place during the 10MSP. The Chair will also report on the 31 May to 1 June symposium on cooperation and assistance convened by the Chair in Tirana

Partnerships and coordination

- The Standing Committee will be provided with an opportunity to follow up on the recognition made in 2010 that, by defining coordination of assistance and cooperation as a central aspect of national ownership and international partnerships, the discourse changes from one of donor priorities to one of partner responsibilities. In recognising

⁶ Immediately following the close of the meeting, the Director of the GICHD will host a reception for all delegates.

this, the challenge of coordination becomes one of ensuring that contributions to mine clearance reinforce a State Party's capacity to implement Article 5 as effectively as possible.

Ensuring a high level of efficiency in cooperation and assistance

- In 2010, some actors called for the flow of funding to be as efficient as possible. What are the relative advantages of different mechanisms, forms of partnership and means to build national capacity and strengthen national ownership?

Closing remarks by the chair

13:00 Meeting ends

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE GENERAL STATUS AND OPERATION OF THE CONVENTION

15:00 Intersessional Work Programme: experimenting with new ways of carrying out work

At the 10MSP, the States Parties requested the Coordinating Committee to organise the week of meetings of the Standing Committees in 2011 in such a way that time is allocated for Co-Chairs, individual States Parties and others to experiment with new ways of using the Intersessional Work Programme to more intensively focus on national contexts or to otherwise creatively support progress in the application of the Cartagena Action Plan. The Meeting further agreed that, on the basis of experimentation carried out during various Intersessional Work Programmes, the States Parties should keep an open mind regarding the structure of the week of meetings of the Standing Committees to ensure the ongoing effectiveness of the Intersessional Work Programme.

- Updates on experimental activities carried out during the week of meetings of the Standing Committees

Intersessional Work Programme: rationalising the number States Parties in leadership positions on Standing Committees

At the 10MSP, the States Parties "agreed to examine the possibility of rationalising the number of States Parties in leadership positions on Standing Committees, and, in this regard, requested that the President, on behalf of the Coordinating Committee, submit to the June 2011 meeting of the Standing Committee on the General Status and Operation of the Convention, ideas regarding how many Co-Chairs / Co-Rapporteurs may be required to ensure the effective functioning of the mechanisms established by the States Parties, with a view to a decision to be taken on this matter at the Eleventh Meeting of the States Parties."

- The President of the 10MSP, H.E. Gazmend Turdiu, will present the Coordinating Committee's ideas on "rationalising the number of States Parties in leadership positions on Standing Committees".

Implementation Support Unit (Continued, if necessary)

If necessary, the Co-Chairs will provide additional time for discussions on the Implementation Support Unit.

Article 3: Updates on plans for and use of mines retained for the development of and training in mine detection, mine clearance, or mine destruction techniques (Cartagena Action Plan: #56-#58)

In the *Cartagena Action Plan*, the States Parties agreed to three action points regarding mines retained for purposes permitted under Article 3 of the Convention.

- Opportunity for those States Parties that have reported mines retained for the purposes permitted in Article 3 to share information on their plans requiring the retention of mines in accordance with Article 3, the actual use of these mines and the results of this use. These updates have been requested in response to the following three questions:
 1. What are the reasons for changes / no changes in quantity and types of mines retained by your State since the Second Review Conference?
 2. What are the purposes for which retained mines have been used and what have been the results of this use, including for example:
 - a. the mine detection, clearance or destruction techniques that have been / are being developed?
 - b. the mine detection, clearance or destruction training that has been carried out?
 - c. the number of personnel trained and to what standard?
 3. What are your State's plans for the further development of mine detection, clearance or detection techniques and further training which would result in the use of mines retained under Article 3?
- Opportunity for comments, questions and discussion

The practical implementation of the various other provisions of the Convention

- An opportunity for updates or views to be shared on other provisions of the Convention not otherwise covered by this or other Standing Committees.

Preparations for the Eleventh Meeting of the States Parties

At the 10MSP, the States Parties recalled that the Second Review Conference warmly welcomed the offer made by Cambodia to host and preside over the Eleventh Meeting of

the States Parties (11MSP). In this context, the 10MSP agreed with the proposal that His Excellency Prak Sokhonn, Minister Attached to the Prime Minister and Vice-Chair of the Cambodian Mine Action and Victim Assistance Authority, be designated President of the 11MSP, and, that the 11MSP take place in Phnom Penh from 28 November to 2 December 2011. In addition, the meeting adopted cost estimates for the 11MSP.

- Presentation by the President-Designate of the 11MSP
- Discussion
- Update provided by the Secretary-General-Designate of the 11MSP and by the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs on 11MSP organizational matters
- Discussion

Updates on other implementation mechanisms

- Update by the Coordinator of the Sponsorship Programme
- Updates (if desired) by the Coordinators of the Contact Groups

Any other business

Closing remarks by the Co-Chairs

Closing of the week of Standing Committee meetings

17:45 **Remarks by the Director of the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining**

18:00 **Week of Standing Committee meetings ends**