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REFLECTING ON HOW TO ENHANCE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE AND TO INCREASE RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

AGENDA ITEM #10 TUESDAY 3 DECEMBER, 10:00 – 13:00

In presenting his initial ideas for the Thirteenth Meeting of the States Parties (13MSP) in May, the 13MSP President-Designate recalled that the Second Review Conference attached great importance to the matter of international cooperation and assistance and that the 13MSP is the last formal meeting to take stock of collective efforts on this and other matters before the Third Review Conference. The President-Designate therefore proposed that relatively greater time be given to a more in-depth discussion on key topics concerning international cooperation and assistance. This will be done through Agenda Item #10 during the morning session on Tuesday 3 December when two interactive panel discussions will take place to reflect on how to enhance international cooperation and assistance to ensure and mobilise sufficient resources, through international partnership bringing in all relevant stakeholders in support of the establishment and development of national mine-action capacities of affected States.

1. Interactive panel: Assessing to the Convention's cooperation and assistance machinery

Since the 2009 Cartagena Summit on a Mine-Free World, the States Parties have held an informal session on cooperation and assistance, established a Standing Committee, continued to place cooperation and assistance on the agenda of formal meetings, and established the platform for partnerships information mechanism. The purpose of this session is to engage in discussion regarding how these different mechanisms are working to facilitate cooperation and assistance. Discussion will be initiated by panellists sharing different perspectives on this matter. To prepare for this discussion delegations may wish to consider the following questions:

- Is the manner in which cooperation and assistance is dealt with in formal and informal meetings serving a useful purpose in enhancing implementation efforts?
- Is the Standing Committee on Resources, Cooperation and Assistance meeting expectations that delegations had for it when it was established? How can this mechanism best be used?
- What kind of information related to cooperation and assistance do different delegations value and why? Is the *platform for partnerships* a useful way of sharing this information or is there a need for complimentary measures, such as amendments to the reporting format?

2. Interactive panels: Partnerships for implementation

At the Cartagena Summit, States parties recognized the need for partnerships to achieve the aims of the Convention which, even then, was recognized more important than ever. These interactive panel discussions aim to discuss the need for international partnerships including:

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- a. Successful Article 5 completion can be fuelled by solid partnerships which feature strong national ownership by affected States Parties, a lasting commitment on the part of those in a position to assist, and an intermediary or capacity-building entity. The purpose of this session is to draw lessons from various experiences of bilateral and international cooperation partnerships pertaining to completion. To prepare for this discussion delegations may wish to consider the following questions:
 - How can mine-affected States enhance national ownership and thus in facilitating efforts to form partnerships for completion?
 - What do mine-affected States believe are the greatest barriers to overcome to deepen partnerships for completion?
 - How can partnerships at the international level best support Article 5 completion?
- b. The Convention's promise to landmine survivors will be, in large part, achieved through the integration of activities into broader approaches, particularly broader approaches disability. The purpose of this session is to explore how partnerships between the landmines world and the larger world could assist the States Parties in enhancing cooperation and assistance to achieve our victim assistance aims. To prepare for this discussion delegations may wish to consider the following questions:
 - How can States Parties make use of the full range of funding sources for victim assistance, be they specifically related to mine action or not?
 - How can States Parties ensure that funds that are invested are actually achieving their desired ends?

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