



**Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention
Intersessional meetings | 19-20 May 2016**

World Meteorological Organisation Building, Geneva

Annotated Programme¹

Thursday 19 May 2016

10:00 1. Opening of the intersessional meetings

Ambassador Marta Mauras of Chile, Presidency of the Fifteenth Meeting of the States Parties (15MSP) and Ambassador Stefano Toscano, Director of the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD) will deliver opening remarks.

2. Matters related to the mandate of the Committee on Victim Assistance

During this agenda item the Committee will present its activities and preliminary observations on the implementation by States Parties of their Victim Assistance commitments under the Maputo Action Plan (*Actions 12 to 18*). The Committee will also introduce its efforts to support States Parties in reporting on their victim assistance commitments. Following the presentation by the Committee, States Parties and organisations that would like to engage with the Committee's preliminary observations will be invited to take the floor.

3. Matters related to the mandate of the Committee on Article 5 Implementation

During this agenda item the Committee will present its activities and preliminary observations on the implementation of Article 5 and on the implementation of the mine clearance actions of the Maputo Action Plan (*Actions 8 to 11*). Following the introduction of the Committee's preliminary observations, the floor will be granted to delegations as follows:

- States Parties which have indicated that they will complete their Article 5 obligations by 2017 (Algeria and Ecuador) will be invited to take the floor to offer a presentation on the status of their mine clearance activities;
- States Parties that have indicated that they will request extensions of their Article 5 deadline for consideration at the Fifteenth Meeting of the States Parties (Niger, Peru and Ukraine) will be invited to take the floor to offer an informal presentation of their request;
- States Parties that have been requested to submit updated work plans in accordance with

¹ 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 intersessional meetings have a flowing agenda implying that if an agenda item ends early we will automatically move into the next agenda item.

decisions on their requests will be invited to take the floor to offer an overview of their updated work plans (Eritrea, Serbia, Sudan and Yemen);

- States Parties and organisations wishing to engage with the preliminary observations will be invited to take the floor.

13:00 Lunch break

15:00 3. Matters related to the mandate of the Committee on Article 5 Implementation (continued)

4. Matters related to the mandate of the Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance

During this agenda item the Committee will provide a presentation on its activities and preliminary observations. The Committee will also introduce the Committee's efforts to strengthen cooperation and assistance and implementation of the relevant actions of the Maputo Action Plan (*Actions 19 to 24*) through the mapping of challenges faced by States Parties. The Committee will also seek the views of the States Parties concerning the utility of and possible adaptations to the Platform for Partnership. Following the presentation by the Committee, the Committee will invite interested States Parties and delegations to take the floor on these matters.

5. Matters related to the mandate on Cooperative Compliance

At the Fourteenth Meeting of the States Parties, the Committee expressed concern about the allegation of use of anti-personnel mines in areas under the jurisdiction or control of some States Parties. During this agenda item the Committee will present its activities and preliminary observations and invite relevant States Parties (South Sudan, Sudan, Ukraine and Yemen) to offer updates, in accordance with the Maputo Action Plan (*Actions 28 and 29*), on the situation in their State, on ongoing investigations and on measures in place to prevent and suppress activities prohibited by the Convention.

Friday 20 May 2016

10:00 6. Thematic Panel on achieving Completion: A Mine-Free World by 2025: The Last Stretch

At the Third Review Conference the States Parties agreed that the intersessional meetings could comprise a thematic segment which would provide for an interactive discussion on current issues and challenges as purposed by the President. States Parties also affirmed their ambition to ensure that there are no new mine victims in areas under their jurisdiction or control, to see that survivors participate in their societies on an equal basis to others, and to intensify their efforts to complete their respective time-bound obligations (clearance and stockpile destruction) with the urgency that the completion work requires. States Parties set an aspirational goal to meet these goals to the fullest extent possible by 2025.

During this agenda item, Canada will chair a thematic panel on this objective. This discussion will seek to better understand the process of building political will to address anti-personnel mines, both nationally in order to carry out States Parties' obligations and commitments under the Convention, and collectively to achieve the Convention's vision of a mine free world by 2025. The panel will draw from the expertise of contributing and affected states as well as from civil society. Delegations will be invited to actively participate in this dialogue.

11:30 7. Matters related to the mandate of the President

a. Universalization

During this agenda item the Presidency will present an introduction to its activities on universalization and will invite the ICBL to offer its views on this matter. The Presidency will then invite interested States not parties participating in the meeting to take the floor. The Presidency will then give the floor to interested delegations to offer updates on any other matter concerning universalisation in accordance with the Maputo Action Plan (Actions 1 to 4).

b. Stockpile destruction

During this agenda item the Presidency will present an introduction to its activities and will invite those States Parties that have missed their Article 4 deadlines (Belarus, Greece, Ukraine) to offer updated information on the implementation of their stockpile destruction commitments in accordance with the Maputo Action Plan (*Actions 5 to 7*). The Presidency will also invite those States Parties in the process of carrying out their stockpile destruction activities (Bulgaria, Poland and Oman) to offer updates on progress in meeting their stockpile destruction commitments. States Parties that have discovered previously unknown stockpiled mines will also be invited to take the floor.

c. Reporting

The Maputo Action Plan highlights that a dialogue informed by accurate and high quality information can support cooperation and assistance and accelerate the Convention's implementation. During this agenda item the Presidency will take stock of the situation concerning reporting following the adoption of the Guide to Reporting at the Fourteenth Meeting of the States Parties.

13:30 Lunch break

15:00 d. Preparations for the Fifteenth Meeting of the States Parties

- i. Presentation of a draft programme of work for the 15MSP (President)
- ii. Update on preparations for the 15MSP (15MSP Secretary-General Designate)
- iii. Presentation on 15MSP organisational matters (UNODA)
- iv. Update on the Sponsorship Programme (Sponsorship Programme Coordinator)
- v. Proposed dates for the Convention's 2017 meetings (President)
- vi. Update on efforts to propose a set of office holders to be elected at the 15MSP (President)
- vii. Discussion (interested delegations)

8. Implementation Support Unit

- i. Update on the activities and finances of the ISU (ISU Acting Director)
- ii. Update on the Pledging conference (President)
- iii. Recruitment of the new ISU Director (Selection Panel)
- iv. Discussion (interested delegations)

9. Closing remarks (President)

18:00 Intersessional meetings adjourn