



**Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention
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Guidance for Participants

The 2022 Intersessional Meetings' programme is divided into thematic matters. Delegations are encouraged to prepare presentations on these thematic matters using the questions provided in this document and place an emphasis on providing only new information since the Nineteenth Meeting of the States Parties (19MSP).

Given the volume of work that must be dealt with during this year's Intersessional Meetings, unless otherwise indicated **delegations providing updates on progress in implementation of their commitments under the Convention will be asked to limit their interventions to 5-7 minutes. Other States Parties and organisations that wish to take the floor following the interventions from these States Parties are asked to limit their interventions to 5 minutes.** Delegations are requested to transmit additional information that cannot be covered within the time allocated for presentations in a lengthier document that can be made available to all participants through the Convention's website by the ISU, preferably in advance of the Intersessional Meetings if possible.

Finally, in preparing presentations, delegations are **encouraged to reflect on gender and diversity matters and, where possible, include age- and sex-disaggregated data.**

[Agenda item 3: Matters related to the mandate of the Committee on Victim Assistance](#)

Questions for States Parties implementing Victim Assistance commitments under the Convention

1. What improvements have been made to increase the well-being and guarantee the rights of mine victims in line with Action 33 to 40 of the Oslo Action Plan?
2. What are the main challenges in the implementation of Oslo Action Plan commitments and what are the obstacles to overcoming these challenges?
3. What, if relevant, are the main priorities for assistance in the implementation of your State's victim assistance obligations?
4. What efforts have been made by your State to ensure that the different needs and perspectives of women, girls, boys and men are considered and inform your victim assistance efforts?

[Agenda item 4: Matters related to the mandate of the Committee on Article 5 Implementation](#)

Questions to consider in the presentations by States Parties that have requested or have indicated that they will request extensions of their Article 5 deadlines (Argentina, Ecuador, Eritrea, Guinea Bissau, Serbia, Sudan, Thailand, Yemen) (8-10 minutes)

1. What are the circumstances that impede the ability of your State to destroy or ensure the destruction of all anti-personnel mines in mined areas under your State's jurisdiction or control?
2. What work remains in order for your State to be in compliance with its obligation to have destroyed or ensured the destruction of all anti-personnel mines in mined areas under your State's jurisdiction or control?
3. What is the amount of time requested and what is the rationale for this request?
4. What is your State's plan to destroy or ensure the destruction of all anti-personnel mines in mined areas under your State's jurisdiction or control?
5. What efforts will be carried out to ensure the effective exclusion of civilians from these mined areas?
6. What, if any, are the main challenges faced and what are the priorities for external assistance in the fulfilment of your State's Article 5 obligations up to and during the requested extension period?
7. What efforts have been made by your State to ensure that the different needs and perspectives of women, girls, boys and men are considered and inform your implementation efforts?

Questions for consideration in the presentations by States Parties submitting updated work plans (5-7 minutes)

1. What progress has been made in the implementation of your State's national demining programme since the last update provided to the States Parties at the 19MSP?
2. What work remains in order for your State to be in compliance with its Article 5 obligations?
3. What is your State's plan for implementation of Article 5 including mine risk education and reduction efforts?
4. Is your State on track to fulfilling its mine clearance obligations under Article 5 by its deadline?
5. What, if any, are the main challenges faced and what are your priorities for external assistance to support your State's fulfilment of its Article 5 obligations?
6. What efforts have been made by your State to ensure that the different needs and perspectives of women, girls, boys and men are considered and inform your implementation efforts?

Questions for consideration in the presentations by all other States Parties in the process of implementing Article 5 (5 minutes)

1. What progress has been made in the implementation of your State's national demining programme since the last update provided to the States Parties at the 19MSP?
2. What work remains in order for your State to be in compliance with its Article 5 obligations?
3. What is your State's plan for the implementation of Article 5, including mine risk education and reduction efforts?
4. Is your State on track to fulfilling its mine clearance obligations under Article 5 by its deadline?

5. What, if any, are the main challenges faced and what are your priorities for external assistance to support your State's fulfilment of its Article 5 obligations?
6. What efforts have been made by your State to ensure that the different needs and perspectives of women, girls, boys, and men are considered and inform your implementation efforts?
 - Other States Parties and organisations with general remarks on Article 5 implementation will be given the floor (3 minutes).

Agenda item 7: Matters related to the mandate of the Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance

Questions for consideration by States Parties seeking assistance (5-7 minutes)

1. What efforts has your State carried out to encourage support to flow to the national mine action program including by carrying out actions that demonstrate high-level national ownership as defined by the States Parties, including by ensuring:
 - i. high level interest and leadership in fulfilling obligations and addressing challenge;
 - ii. State entity empowered and provided with the human, financial and material capacity to carry out its responsibilities;
 - iii. a clear understanding of the size, location and quality of the challenge or a commitment to promptly acquire such an understanding;
 - iv. a realistic but not unambitious plan to address the challenge as soon as possible; and
 - v. a regular significant national financial commitment by the affected State itself.
2. What efforts, if relevant, has your State put forth in exploring alternative and/or innovative sources of funding?
3. What efforts have been made by your state to ensure regular dialogue with national and international stakeholders including through the establishment of a national platform?
4. What challenges does your State face in this regard and what have been the results of these efforts?
5. How has your State developed and promoted bilateral, regional and international cooperation, including South-South cooperation by sharing its national experience and good practices, resources, technology and expertise to implement the Convention?

Questions for consideration by States Parties in a position to provide assistance (5 minutes)

1. How has your State developed and promoted bilateral, regional and international cooperation, including South-South cooperation by sharing its national experience and good practices, resources, technology and expertise to implement the Convention?
2. How has your State effectively used all possible avenues to support States Parties seeking assistance to complete implementation of their mine clearance obligations and to support mine risk education, stockpile destruction, adoption of appropriate national implementation measures, as well as meeting victims' needs and guaranteeing their rights?
3. What effort has your State put forward to explore all possible alternative and/or innovative sources of funding.

4. What support has your State provided to the implementation of clear, evidence based national strategies and work plans to address mined areas?
5. What support has your State provided to victim assistance through mine action budget, and/or through integrating victim assistance into broader development and humanitarian efforts?
6. What efforts have your State made to coordinate their support for the effective implementation of Convention obligations by affected States Parties?
7. What efforts have been made by your State to ensure that the different needs and perspectives of women, girls, boys, and men are considered and inform your cooperation and assistance efforts?

Agenda item 8: Matters related to the mandate of the Committee on Cooperative Compliance

Questions for consideration by States Parties in which allegations of use of anti-personnel mines have been reported (5-7 minutes)

1. Can your State provide updated information on measures taken to address the allegations of use of anti-personnel mines in your State?
2. If it has not yet done so, what progress has your State made to take all appropriate legal, administrative and other measures to prevent and suppress any activity that is prohibited under this Convention undertaken by persons or on territory under its jurisdiction or control?

Questions for consideration by all States Parties (5-7 minutes)

1. If it has not yet done so, what progress has your State made or will have made by the Twentieth Meeting of the States Parties, to take all appropriate legal, administrative and other measures to prevent and suppress any activity that is prohibited under this Convention undertaken by persons or on territory under its jurisdiction or control?

Agenda item 9: Matters related to the mandate of the President

a. Universalization

Questions for consideration by States not party (5 minutes)

1. Has your State taken any practical steps, such as formalised commitments not to use, produce or transfer anti-personnel, or to destroy stockpiles?
2. What is your position on ratifying or acceding to the Convention in the near term, in the medium term and in the long term?
3. What is the primary reason for your State not acceding to the Convention?

Questions for consideration by all States Parties (5 minutes)

1. What actions has your State taken since the 19MSP to promote formal adherence to the Convention by States not party?
2. What actions has your State taken to condemn violation of the Convention's norms?

b. Stockpile destruction and retention of anti-personnel mines

Questions for consideration by States Parties which are in the process of implementing Article 4 (5-7 minutes)

1. What is your State's plan to intensify efforts to ensure completion of remaining / ongoing Article 4 obligations as soon as possible?
2. What time-bound plan is in place to fulfil your State's Article 4 commitments and what are the milestones for completion?
3. What progress has been achieved by your State in the implementation of Article 4 since the Nineteenth Meeting of the States Parties?
4. Are there any issues of concern or challenges faced by your State's in its efforts to achieve the destruction of stockpiled anti-personnel mines?
5. What is your expected completion date?
6. Has your State discovered any previously unknown stockpiles and what are your plans to destroy these anti-personnel mines as a matter of urgent priority and no later than six months after their discovery?

Questions for consideration by States Parties which have reported anti-personnel mines retained under Article 3 (5-7 minutes)

1. Since the 19MSP what efforts have been made by your State to review the number of mines retained to ensure that they do not exceed the minimum number absolutely necessary for permitted purposes?
2. Has your State destroyed all those anti-personnel mines exceeding that number?
3. What are the purposes for which retained mines have been used and what have been the results of this use, including for example:
 - a. What mine detection, mine clearance or destruction techniques have been / are being developed?
 - b. What mine detection, clearance or destruction training has been carried out?
 - c. What number of personnel has been trained and to what standard?
4. What efforts have been put forth to explore available alternatives to using live anti-personnel mines for training and research activities?