



**Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention**  
**Intersessional Meetings | 19-21 June 2023**  
**World Meteorological Organisation Building, Geneva, Obasi Room**

**Guidance for Participants**

The 2023 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 Twentieth Meeting of the States Parties (20MSP).

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 3 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**.

Please indicate in advance to the ISU, during which items of the programme your delegation intends to intervene by no later than **15 June 2023** in order to ensure your delegation is included in the list of speakers.

**Monday, 19 June 2023**

**[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 or will be made in the lead up to the Review Conference in 2024 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 plans 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 implementation 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 (Eritrea, Ukraine) (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 the remaining 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 20MSP?
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 20MSP?
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 5: Matters related to the mandate of the Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance**

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

1. What efforts has your State carried out to mobilize national and international resources?
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 mine action platform?
4. What is your States outstanding needs for cooperation and assistance?
5. 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, including on matters related to gender and diversity?

**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?

## **Tuesday, 20 June 2023**

### **Questions for consideration during thematic discussions**

#### **Thematic Session 1: *The Convention and the threat of improvised anti-personnel mines***

- If relevant, what is the impact of improvised anti-personnel mines in your State?
- What are the key challenges in fulfilling the provisions of the convention - mine clearance, mine risk education, reporting – when it comes to improvised anti-personnel mines?

#### **Thematic Session 2: *Victim Assistance and the Oslo Action Plan: Are we on track in providing mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS)?***

- What progress has your State made in meeting the mental health and psychological needs of mine victims?
- What types of challenges are faced in this regard and what efforts are being made by your State to overcome them?

### **Cross-cutting priority of the President**

#### **Green Implementation: Integrating Environmental Considerations in the Convention's implementation**

- What efforts has your state put forward to integrate environmental considerations into its Convention implementation efforts?
- What challenges does your State face in this regard and what are some of the lessons learned?

#### **Gender and the diverse needs of mine affected communities – lessons learnt and way ahead**

- Since the Fourth Review Conference, what efforts have been put forth by your State in the implementation of gender related actions of the Oslo Action Plan?
- What has been the impact of these efforts?

- What challenges has your State faced in implementation and what are your States requirements for support in this regard?

**Thematic Session 3: Finishing Strong – Preparing for completion as soon as possible**

- For States Parties that have completed Article 5 implementation:
  - a. What national capacity is in place to address, where relevant, previously unknown mined areas / new mined areas?
  - b. What lessons learned can your State share in preparing for completions (e.g. transferring knowledge, drawing down personnel etc..)?
- For States Parties implementing Article 5:
  - a. What consideration has your State given to the establishment of a national capacity to address any previously unknown contamination or new contamination following completion?
  - b. What issues has your state considered in preparing for completion (e.g. transferring knowledge, drawing down personnel etc..)?

**Thematic Session 4: Cooperation and Assistance and the Oslo Action Plan – Towards improved cooperation and assistance**

- What efforts has your State put forward to mobilize national and International resources to meet your State’s deadline for implementation of its Article 5 commitments?
- What efforts has your State made to draw on innovative sources of funding?
- Where relevant, what efforts has your State made to coordinate its assistance to mine affected States Parties to support completion?

**Wednesday, 21 June 2023**

**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 do 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?