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Guidance for Participants

The 2025 Intersessional Meeting is divided into several themes. Delegations are requested to prepare presentations under individual themes using the suggested elements provided in this document, including only new information gathered since the Fifth Review Conference.

Given the huge volume of work that must be dealt with during this year's Intersessional Meetings, **except for the delegations requesting new extensions and updating their work plans under Article 5 (maximum 7 minutes), the delegations providing updates on implementation of their commitments under the Convention are requested to limit their interventions to a maximum of 5 minutes. Other States Parties and organisations that wish to take the floor following these interventions are requested to limit their interventions to a maximum of 3 minutes. The presiding officer may intervene if presentations/interventions continue beyond the allocated time.**

Delegations are requested to transmit to the ISU the full version of their presentations or additional information that cannot be covered within the allocated time to be made available to all participants through the Convention's website by the Implementation Support Unit (ISU), preferably in advance of the Intersessional Meetings.

Finally, in preparing presentations, delegations are **encouraged to reflect on gender and diversity issues and, where possible, include age- and sex-disaggregated data as well as information related to the integration of environmental considerations in implementation.**

Agenda item 3: Matters related to the mandate of the Committee on Victim Assistance

Under this agenda item the Committee will present its preliminary observations on the implementation by States Parties of their victim assistance commitments under the *Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan 2025-2029* (Actions 30 - 39) and invite relevant States Parties to offer updates.

The presentation by the Committee and relevant States Parties will be followed by interventions from other States Parties and organisations (maximum 3 minutes) on matters related to the updated information presented by delegations.

Suggested Elements for States Parties implementing Victim Assistance commitments, focusing on new developments only (maximum 5 minutes):

1. Efforts to ensure sustainable victim assistance, including your state's plan to address the needs and rights of mine victims and the multi-sectoral coordination mechanism to support implementation of victim assistance commitments.

2. Designation of a government entity as the focal point to coordinate and integrate victim assistance activities into broader national policies and frameworks.
3. Progress in identifying all mine and other explosive ordnance victims and collecting comprehensive information on their needs, challenges, and geographic locations.
4. Progress in improving the well-being and rights of mine victims in line with the *Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan 2025-2029* (Actions 33 – 39), as well as challenges and priorities in implementing victim assistance actions.

Agenda item 4: Matters related to the mandate of the Committee on Article 5 Implementation

Under this agenda item, the Committee will present its preliminary observations on the implementation of Article 5 and on the implementation of the mine clearance and mine risk education and reduction actions of the *Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan 2025-2029* (Actions 17 – 29) and invite relevant States Parties to offer updates under the categories stipulated below. **States Parties that are implementing the obligations of Article 5 are divided into three categories, and the session will begin with Category 1.**

1) Category 1: Extension requests

States Parties requesting an extension of their Article 5 deadline in 2025 will be invited, in alphabetical order, to offer an overview of their reasons for making an extension request (maximum 7 minutes). Additional guidance will be provided by the Committee. The discussion will follow the below format for each state:

- a. The state will deliver the presentation. **(maximum 7 minutes)**
- b. Following the presentation, the Committee on Article 5 Implementation will offer a quick overview of where they are on the specific request. (2 minutes)
- c. The floor will open for comments from States and organizations to be directed to specific states. (2 minutes per speaker)
- d. The floor will be offered back to the specific State to respond to any comments from the floor. (3 minutes upon request)

Suggested Elements for States Parties presenting extension requests, focusing on new elements only:

1. New circumstances hindering your state's ability to destroy all anti-personnel mines in mined areas under its jurisdiction or control within the existing timeframe.
2. Time requested for extension and the rationale for the request.
3. Your state's work plan to comply with its obligations under the requested timeframe.
4. Challenges for the provision of external assistance in fulfilling your state's obligations within the requested extension period and priorities.
5. Progress and challenges in implementing mine risk education and reduction programmes.

2) Category 2: Updated work plan and other States Parties implementing Article 5 obligations

States Parties submitting updated work plans in light of decisions on previously granted extension requests will be invited to present their progress on implementation (maximum 7 minutes). Additional guidance will be provided by the Committee. The discussion will follow the below format for each state:

- a. The state will deliver the presentation. (maximum 7 minutes)
- b. Following the presentation, the Committee on Article 5 Implementation will offer a quick overview of where they are on the specific request. (2 minutes)
- c. The floor will open for comments from States and organizations to be directed to specific states. (2 minutes per each speaker)
- d. The floor will be offered back to the specific State to respond to any comments from the floor. (3 minutes upon request)

3) Category 3: Other States Parties implementing Article 5 obligations

Other States Parties implementing Article 5 obligations will be invited to present their progress on implementation (maximum 5 minutes).

Suggested Elements for States Parties presenting updated work plans (Category 2) or implementing Article 5 obligations (Category 3), focusing on new elements only:

1. Progress made since the last update.
2. Status of meeting their Article 5 obligations and remaining work needed to achieve full compliance with their obligations and implementation plan.
3. Challenges for the provision of external assistance and priorities.
4. Activities related to mine risk education and reduction.

4) Interventions from other States and organisations

States and organizations will be invited to comment on matters related to the updated information presented by delegations (maximum 3 minutes).

5) General exchange of view on Article 5 obligations

After the completion of discussions on matters related to the updated information presented by delegations, States and organisations with general remarks on Article 5 implementation will be given the floor (maximum 3 minutes).

Agenda item 5: Matters related to the mandate of the Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance

Under this agenda item, the Committee will present its preliminary observations on its efforts to promote cooperation and assistance and facilitate the fostering of partnerships for the implementation of Article 6 and implementation of the relevant actions of the *Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan 2025-2029* (Actions 40 – 45).

Following the presentation by the Committee, States Parties and organisations will be invited to take the floor to present on the following matters (maximum 5 minutes):

Suggested Elements for States Parties seeking assistance, focusing on new elements only (maximum 5 minutes):

1. Efforts to ensure integration of implementation of the Convention into national development plans, strategies and budgets.
2. Efforts to strengthen national coordination for implementation, including regular dialogue with national and international stakeholders, and establishing a National Mine Action Platform.
3. Efforts to secure resources for meeting Convention obligations, including exploring alternative/innovative sources of funding.
4. Information on requirements for assistance (e.g., financial, technical, material).
5. Engagement in international, regional, and bilateral cooperation to share experiences and good practices including between affected States Parties or through triangular cooperation.

Suggested Elements for States Parties in a position to provide assistance, focusing on new elements only (maximum 5 minutes):

1. Provision of new assistance to affected States Parties in implementing the Convention.
2. Support to States Parties seeking assistance in fulfilling their obligations including mine clearance, mine risk education/reduction, stockpile destruction, and victim assistance.
3. Efforts to coordinate the provision of assistance with other states.
4. Engagement in international, regional, and bilateral cooperation to share experiences and good practices including between affected States Parties or triangular cooperation.

Agenda item 6: Matters related to the mandate of the Committee on Cooperative Compliance

Under this agenda item, the Committee will present its preliminary observations on its efforts in accordance with the *Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan 2025-2029* (Actions 46 and 48) and invite relevant States Parties to offer updates on the situation in their states (maximum 5 minutes).

Following the presentations by the Committee and relevant States Parties, other States Parties and organisations will be invited to take the floor (maximum 3 minutes) to address matters related to the updated information presented, or on their own efforts.

Suggested Elements for States Parties with reported allegations of use of anti-personnel mines, focusing on new elements only (maximum 5 minutes):

1. Steps taken to address the allegations or confirmed use of anti-personnel mines by persons or on territory under its jurisdiction or control.
2. Progress in preventing and suppressing activities prohibited under this Convention, including those undertaken by persons or on territory under its jurisdiction or control.

Agenda item 7: Matters related to the mandate of the President

1) Universalization

Under this sub agenda item, the President will present her activities on universalization, including her efforts vis-à-vis States Parties considering withdrawal, in accordance with the *Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan 2025-2029* (Actions 11- 12). The President will then invite relevant States to take the floor to provide updates (maximum 5 minutes).

The President will then give the floor to other States and organisations to make their statements on any matters concerning universalization including potential withdrawal (maximum 3 minutes).

Suggested Elements for States considering/having decided to join the Convention (maximum 5 minutes):

1. Primary reasons for considering/having decided to join the Convention.
2. (Predicted) Timeline for ratifying and/or acceding to the Convention.
3. (Prior to joining) Practical steps taken, such as formalised commitments not to use, produce or transfer anti-personnel mines, or to destroy stockpiles.

Suggested Elements for States not party (maximum 5 minutes):

1. Primary reasons for not being able to join the Convention.
2. Efforts or commitments made or considered by your states in accordance with obligations of the Convention.
3. International cooperation and assistance efforts your states have made to support other states to implement their obligations under the Convention.

Suggested Elements for States Parties considering/having decided to withdraw (maximum 5 minutes):

1. Primary reasons for considering/having decided to withdraw from the Convention.
2. Current status of the process and predicted timeline for (potential) withdrawal from the Convention.
3. Practical steps taken or considered to remain closely associated with the Convention.

2) Stockpile destruction and retained anti-personnel mines

Under this sub agenda item, the President will present her activities on matters related to stockpile destruction under Article 4 and on matters related to numbers of anti-personnel mines retained for training and other permitted purposes under Article 3. Relevant States Parties will then be invited to offer updates (maximum 5 minutes).

The President will then give the floor to other States Parties and organisations to address matters related to the updated information presented (maximum 3 minutes).

Suggested Elements for States Parties in the process of implementing Article 4, focusing on new elements only (maximum 5 minutes):

1. Progress made in implementing Article 4, challenges, or concerns in destroying stockpiled anti-personnel mines.
2. Plan to intensify efforts to ensure completion of the remaining/ongoing Article 4 obligations as soon as possible, including the expected timeline for completion.

Suggested Elements for States Parties with reported anti-personnel mines retained under Article 3, focusing on new elements only (maximum 5 minutes):

1. Review of the number of retained anti-personnel mines to ensure that it is the minimum necessary for permitted purposes.
2. Changes in the number of retained anti-personnel mines, including destruction of excess anti-personnel mines. Purposes and results for the use of the retained mines.
3. Exploration of alternatives to using live anti-personnel mines for training and research.