

## Intersessional Meetings

17-20 June 2025

### Strengthening synergies between the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention and the Women Peace and Security agenda through concrete action

Thursday, 19 June 2025, 17:00 – 18:00, Room A

#### Background

At the Fifth Review Conference the States Parties recognized *“the importance of synergies with other international frameworks such as the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the work of the World Health Organization on rehabilitation and assistive technology, the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace, and Security, amongst other”* and agreed to *“take advantage of these synergies to strengthen the Convention’s implementation.”*<sup>1</sup> To support the implementation of this important commitment, the President of the Twenty-Second Meeting of the States Parties prioritized working with States Parties and stakeholders to explore concrete approaches for strengthening the synergies between mine action and the Women, Peace and Security agenda

Leveraging the Intersessional Meeting as a platform for dialogue, the President—together with the Gender Focal Points of the Convention’s Committees—will convene a panel discussion to explore the links between the Women, Peace and Security agenda and the Convention, and to identify practical ways to strengthen synergies moving forward.

#### Objectives

- To examine and deepen the synergies between the implementation of the Convention and the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) agenda.
- To highlight good practices and address challenges in advancing these synergies across diverse contexts.
- To identify concrete opportunities to leverage these synergies during the implementation of the Siem Reap–Angkor Action Plan (2025–2029).

#### Panel Structure

- Moderator - **Hana Salama**, Researcher, Gender and Disarmament Programme, UNIDIR
- **Jean Munro**, Advisor, Gender, Diversity, Equality and Inclusion, GICHD
- **H.E. Himalee Arunatilaka**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the UN and other International Organizations in Geneva

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<sup>1</sup> Siem Reap–Angkor Declaration on a Mine-Free World 2024. A Renewed Commitment for a Safer Future, APLC/CONF/2024/WP.22/Rev.2

- **H.E. Papa Maguèye DIOP**, Director, National Mine Action Centre of Senegal (Centre National d'Action Antimines au Sénégal (CNAMS)), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Senegal

### **Guiding Questions**

1. What concrete steps has your State taken to enhance synergies between the WPS agenda and the implementation of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention?
2. How do you see the WPS agenda complementing the goals of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention in your national or regional context?
3. In what ways can mine action programs more effectively integrate WPS principles, particularly in the context of post-conflict recovery and peacebuilding?