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THE 2-5 DECEMBER 2013 THIRTEENTH MEETING OF THE STATES PARTIES (13MSP) IS THE LAST ANNUAL ASSESSMENT

of the application of the Cartagena Action Plan 2010-2014, which was adopted at the 2009 Cartagena Summit, prior to Convention's Third Review Conference in 2014. This assessment of challenges encountered and work that remains to be done will be recorded in the 13MSP's Geneva Progress Report.

Efforts to prepare for the Third Review Conference get underway on 6 December at the First Preparatory Meeting. Both meetings take place in Room XIX at the Palais des Nations in Geneva. Also during the week of 2-6 December, various actors will convene over 20 side events.



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THIRTEENTH MEETING OF THE STATES PARTIES: ANNOTATED PROGRAMME



H.E. Boudjemâa Delmi,
Ambassador and
Permanent Representative
of Algeria to the United
Nations (Geneva), will
preside over the 13MSP.

MONDAY 2 DECEMBER, 10:00 – 13:00

1 Official opening of the meeting

The meeting will be opened by the President of the Twelfth Meeting of the States Parties (12MSP), H.E. Matjaz Kovacic, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Slovenia to the United Nations (Geneva).

2 Election of the President

The meeting will be asked to elect H.E. Boudjemâa Delmi, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Algeria to the United Nations (Geneva), as President of the 13MSP.

3 Ceremonial opening of the Thirteenth Meeting

The 13MSP will begin with brief addresses by or on behalf of the UN Secretary General, the President of the International Committee of the Red Cross, the International Campaign to Ban Landmines and the President of the Council of Foundation of the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining.

4 Adoption of the agenda

The meeting will be asked to adopt its agenda, which was presented to delegations on 30 May at the meeting of the Standing Committee on the General Status and Operation of the Convention.

5 Election of the Vice-Presidents

The meeting will be asked to elect the ten Co-Chairs of the Standing Committees as Vice-Presidents of the 13MSP: Austria, Bulgaria, Colombia, Ecuador, Mozambique, New Zealand, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway and Thailand.

6 Confirmation of the Secretary-General

The meeting will be asked to confirm, as Secretary-General of the 13MSP, H.E. Urs Schmid, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the Conference on Disarmament.

7 Organisation of work

The meeting will be asked to adopt its programme, which was presented to delegations on 30 May at the meeting of the Standing Committee on the General Status and Operation of the Convention.

8 General exchange of views

Delegations are welcome to deliver brief general statements. Interested delegations should contact the Implementation Support Unit to be inscribed in the speakers' list.

MONDAY 2 DECEMBER, 15:00 – 18:00

9 Informal presentation of requests submitted under Article 5 and of analyses of these requests

The 13MSP will need to consider requests for extensions on mine clearance deadlines that have been or will be submitted by Chad, Mozambique, Niger, Serbia, Sudan and Turkey. In keeping with the practices successfully employed since 2008, there will be an opportunity for informal presentations of and discussions on extension requests with the States Parties returning to formal consideration of these requests later in the week.

TUESDAY 3 DECEMBER, 10:00 – 13:00

10 Reflecting on how to enhance international cooperation and assistance and to increase resource mobilization

In presenting his initial ideas for the 13MSP in May, the President-Designate recalled that the Second Review Conference attached great importance to the matter of international cooperation and assistance and that the 13MSP is the last formal meeting to take stock of collective efforts on this and other matters before the Third Review Conference. The President-Designate therefore proposed that relatively greater time be given to a more in-depth discussion on key topics concerning international cooperation and assistance. This will be done through Agenda Item #10 when two interactive panel discussions will take place to reflect on how to enhance international cooperation and assistance to ensure and mobilise sufficient resources, through international partnership bringing in all relevant stakeholders in support of the establishment and development of national mine-action capacities of affected States.

a Interactive panel: Assessing to the Convention's cooperation and assistance machinery

Since the 2009 Cartagena Summit on a Mine-Free World, the States Parties have held an informal session on cooperation and assistance, established a Standing Committee, continued to place cooperation and assistance on the agenda of formal meetings, and established the platform for partnerships information mechanism. The purpose of this session is to engage in discussion regarding how these different mechanisms are working to facilitate cooperation and assistance. Discussion will be initiated by panellists sharing different perspectives on this matter. To prepare for this discussion delegations may wish to consider the following questions:

- Is the manner in which cooperation and assistance is dealt with in formal and informal meetings serving a useful purpose in enhancing implementation efforts?
- Is the Standing Committee on Resources, Cooperation and Assistance meeting expectations that delegations had for it when it was established? How can this mechanism best be used?
- What kind of information related to cooperation and assistance do different delegations value and why? Is the platform for partnerships a useful way of sharing this information or is there a need for complementary measures, such as amendments to the reporting format?

b Interactive panels: Partnerships for implementation

At the Cartagena Summit, States parties recognized the need for partnerships to achieve the aims of the Convention which, even then, was recognized more important than ever. These interactive panel discussions aim to discuss the need for international partnerships including:



(i) Successful Article 5 completion can be fuelled by solid partnerships which feature strong national ownership by affected States Parties, a lasting commitment on the part of those in a position to assist, and an intermediary or capacity-building entity. The purpose of this session is to draw lessons from various experiences of bilateral and international cooperation partnerships pertaining to completion. To prepare for this discussion delegations may wish to consider the following questions:

- How can mine-affected States enhance national ownership and thus in facilitating efforts to form partnerships for completion?
- What do mine-affected States believe are the greatest barriers to overcome to deepen partnerships for completion?
- How can partnerships at the international level best support Article 5 completion?

(ii) The Convention's promise to landmine survivors will be, in large part, achieved through the integration of activities into broader approaches, particularly broader approaches disability. The purpose of this session is to explore how partnerships between the landmines world and the larger world could assist the States Parties in enhancing cooperation and assistance to achieve our victim assistance aims. To prepare for this discussion delegations may wish to consider the following questions:

- How can States Parties make use of the full range of funding sources for victim assistance, be they specifically related to mine action or not?
- How can States Parties ensure that funds that are invested are actually achieving their desired ends?

TUESDAY 3 DECEMBER, 15:00 – 18:00

**11a Consideration of the general status and operation of the Convention:
Assisting the victims**

States Parties responsible for significant numbers of mine victims are invited to provide brief updates on their efforts to fulfil their obligations. These updates should contain only new information with efforts made to avoid duplication with respect to updates provided in May. Other delegations are welcome to remark on these updates and to share their views on assisting the victims.

WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER 10:00 – 13:00

**11a Consideration of the general status and operation of the Convention:
Assisting the victims (continued)**

**11b Consideration of the general status and operation of the Convention:
Clearing mined areas**

States Parties which have recently completed or are still in the process of clearing mined areas are invited to provide brief updates on their efforts to fulfil their obligations. These updates should contain only new information with efforts made to avoid duplication with respect to updates provided in May. Other delegations are welcome to remark on these updates and to share their views on mine clearance.

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**11b Consideration of the general status and operation of the Convention:
Clearing mined areas (continued)**

THURSDAY 5 DECEMBER, 10:00 – 13:00

**11c Consideration of the general status and operation of the Convention:
Destroying stockpiled anti-personnel mines**

States Parties responsible for destroying stockpiled anti-personnel mines (including previously unknown stockpiles) are invited to provide brief updates on their efforts to fulfil their obligations. These updates should contain only new information with efforts made to avoid duplication with respect to updates provided in May. Other delegations are welcome to remark on these updates and to share their views on stockpile destruction.

**11d Consideration of the general status and operation of the Convention:
Universalizing the Convention**

States not party to the Convention are invited to share views on the Convention and to provide updates on steps that are being taken or considered to accede to the Convention. Other delegations are invited to provide updates on their efforts to encourage universal acceptance of the Convention and to share their views on universalization.

**11e Consideration of the general status and operation of the Convention:
Implementation support**

Further to the "Directive from the States Parties to the ISU" adopted by the 10MSP which instructs the ISU to propose and present a work plan and budget for the activities of the ISU for the following year to the Coordinating Committee for endorsement and subsequently to MSPs for approval, the 13MSP will be asked to approve the work plan and budget for the activities of the ISU in 2013.

In addition, further to the "Directive from the States Parties to the ISU" which tasks the ISU to report in written form as well as orally on the activities, functioning and finances of the ISU to each MSP, and, to submit an audited annual financial report for the previous year and a preliminary annual financial report for the present year to the Coordinating Committee and subsequently to MSPs for approval, the 13MSP will be asked to approve the report on the activities and finances of the ISU and the ISU's 2012 audited financial statement.

The 13MSP will be asked to agree that intersessional work in 2014 take place the afternoon of 9 April, that a second preparatory meeting in advance of the

Third Review Conference take place all day on 10 April, and that additional intersessional work could take place on 11 April subject to the Coordinating Committee considering what, if any, additional intersessional work may be required given the short period of time between the 13MSP and the Third Review Conference.

(Note that in May the 12MSP President proposed that Belgium preside over the 14MSP, without prejudice to when the 14MSP may take place.)

In keeping with established tradition, the Co-Chairs of the Standing Committee on the General Status and Operation of the Convention (Bulgaria and New Zealand) undertook the task in 2013 of consulting with States Parties to identify a list of nominees to serve as new Co-Chairs following the 13MSP. On 11 March, the Co-Chairs wrote to all States Parties to indicate that they were seeking one new State Party for each of the five Standing Committees for two-year terms. At the 27 May meeting of the Standing Committee on the General Status and Operation of the Convention, the Co-Chairs again reminded delegations of their written appeal. On 19 September, the President-Designate indicated that, based upon interest expressed, Bulgaria and New Zealand are proposing that the following States Parties serve as Co-Chairs from the end of the 13MSP for a two-year term:

- General Status and Operation of the Convention: Belgium
- Victim Assistance: Costa Rica
- Mine Clearance: Japan
- Resources, Cooperation and Assistance: Indonesia
- Stockpile Destruction: Poland

If this proposal is agreed to by the 13MSP, the above mentioned States Parties would join the following, which would be completing the second year of their two year terms between the end of the 13MSP and the end of the Third Review Conference:

- Status and Operation of the Convention: New Zealand
- Victim Assistance: Austria
- Mine Clearance: Mozambique
- Resources, Cooperation and Assistance: Ecuador
- Stockpile Destruction: Norway

Note: In carrying out their consultations, Bulgaria and New Zealand indicated that the selection of Co-Chairs at the 13MSP no doubt would be without prejudice to decisions the Third Review Conference in 2014 may wish to take with respect to the Convention's committee structure or its meeting programme.

THURSDAY 5 DECEMBER, 15:00 – 18:00

11f Consideration of the general status and operation of the Convention:

Transparency and the exchange of information

Delegations are welcome to provide updates and share views on transparency and the exchange of information, including transparency as concerns mines retained for permitted purposes.

11g Consideration of the general status and operation of the Convention:

Preventing and suppressing prohibited activities and facilitating compliance

Delegations are invited to provide information and exchange views further to the discussions on compliance which took place at the May 2013 meeting of the Standing Committee on the General Status and Operation of the Convention. States Parties may also wish to provide updates on efforts to take legal and other measures to prevent and suppress prohibited activities.

11h Consideration of the general status and operation of the Convention:

Cooperation and assistance

Delegations are welcome to provide updates and share views on cooperation and assistance.

12 Consideration of requests submitted under Article 5

The meeting will be asked to take decisions on the requests for extended mine clearance deadlines which have been submitted by Chad, Mozambique, Niger, Serbia, Sudan and Turkey.

13 Consideration of matters arising from / in the context of reports submitted under Article 7

14 Consideration of requests submitted under Article 8

15 Date, duration, location and presidency of the Third Review Conference, and matters pertaining to the preparations for the Third Review Conference

The 13MSP will be asked to agree that the Convention's Third Review Conference take place from 23 to 27 June 2014 in Maputo, Mozambique and that H.E. Henrique Banze, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Mozambique, be designated to preside over the Review Conference.

16 Any other business

17 Consideration and adoption of the final document

The meeting will be asked to adopt its final report.

18 Closure of the Thirteenth Meeting of the States Parties

The 13MSP President will deliver his closing remarks.



FIRST PREPARATORY MEETING: PROVISIONAL AGENDA



H.E. Henrique Banze,
Deputy Minister of Foreign
Affairs of Mozambique,
will preside over the Third
Review Conference and its
preparatory meetings.

FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER,
10:00 – 13:00 AND 15:00 – 18:00

1 Opening of the First Preparatory Meeting

The meeting will be opened by the President-Designate of the Third Review Conference, H.E. Henrique Banze, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Mozambique.

2 Adoption of an agenda for the First Preparatory Meeting

3 Recommendation of a draft Agenda and Provisional Programme of Work for the Third Review Conference

4 Vice-Presidents of the Third Review Conference

In keeping with past practice, it will be recommended that the States Parties that will be serving as Co-Chairs of the Standing Committees following the 13MSP be designated Vice-Presidents of the Third Review Conference.

5 Cost Estimates for the Third Review Conference

6 Exchange of views on the preparation of a review of the operation and status of the Convention 2010-2014

7 Exchange of views on the preparation of the Maputo Action Plan

8 Exchange of views on a post-Third Review Conference programme of meetings

9 Exchange of views on a political declaration to be adopted at the Third Review Conference

10 Updates on logistical and administrative matters

11 Other matters

12 Consideration and adoption of a procedural report of the First Preparatory Meeting

MONDAY 2 DECEMBER

13:00 Landmine Monitor 2013 Briefing.

Hosted by the Landmine and Cluster Munition Monitor. Room XXIV. Contact: jeff@icblcmc.org. Leading civil society experts will share the major findings of Landmine Monitor 2013, a report detailing global and national developments in landmine use and ban policy, survey and clearance of landmines and other explosive remnants of war, casualties and victim assistance, and funding support in 2012 and the first part of 2013.

13:00 Meeting of the Universalization Contact Group.

Room XXV. Hosted by Belgium. Room XXVII. Contact: pierre.gillon@diplobel.fed.be

13:00 Event on assistance to child mine victims.

Victim Assistance: Policies and Programming for Children and Families. Room XXVII. Hosted by UNICEF, Colombia and Austria. Contact: heidi.botero@cancilleria.gov.co.

18:00 13MSP Opening Reception.

Hosted by Algeria and Switzerland. Restaurant des Délégués. Contact: laurent.masmejean@eda.admin.ch.

TUESDAY 3 DECEMBER

09:00 TIRAMISU (Toolbox Implementation for Removal of Anti-personnel mines, Submunitions and UXO): a global and comprehensive toolbox for mine action activities.

Hosted by the Royal Military Academy of Belgium. Room XXV. Contact: Pierre.Gillon@diplobel.fed.be. The European Commission always supports efforts towards a mine-free world within a broader context of humanitarian assistance as well as long-term and sustainable socio-economic development programs. The EC recently decided to fund two large projects including about 50 European organizations, NGOs, universities, small and medium sized enterprises and industrial partners. The Royal Military Academy of Belgium coordinates one these projects, TIRAMISU, which aims at providing the foundation for a global and comprehensive toolbox that will cover the main mine action activities, from the survey of large areas to the actual disposal of explosive hazards, including mine risk education, training and management tools.

13:00 Progress and Challenges of Sudan's Mine Action Programme.

Hosted by Sudan. Room XXIV. Contact: mortadas@su-mac.org. While progress towards meeting Sudan's mine clearance obligations has been significant, a number of obstacles have prevented Sudan from meeting its deadline within ten years after entry into force. Given these obstacles, Sudan has requested an extension of its deadline to be considered at the 13MSP. This event will provide an opportunity for delegations to learn about the plan contained in the request and Sudan's vision of continued implementation of its Article 5.

13:00 Update on the EU's Council Decision in support of the Convention.

Hosted by the EU and the ISU. Room XXV. Contact: isu@apminebanconvention.org. Through a EU Council Decision adopted in December 2012 in support of the implementation of the Cartagena Action Plan 2010-2014, the EU seeks to promote the universalisation of the Convention and its norms, support efforts to implement the victim assistance and mine clearance aspects of the Cartagena Action Plan, and demonstrate the on-going commitment of the EU to the Convention. This event will update delegations on the implementation of the Council Decision.

13:00 Launch of the Ammunition Safety Management Toolset.

Hosted by the GICHD. Room XXVII. Contact: p.rapillard@gichd.org. The GICHD will introduce and launch the new ASM Tool, which is designed to enable safer management of ammunition, whether stockpiles or left over after conflict or military activities, in a cheaper, more cost effective way. It is a risk based tool and therefore designed to concentrate efforts where the hazard is at its worst and the actions carried out can be most effective.

13:00 Exhibition launch: "The difference between lightning and a lightning bug."

Hosted by the CCD and the ICBL-CMC. Building E, first floor. Contact: elsa@icblcmc.org. 3 December marks the 5th anniversary of the Convention on Cluster Munitions, the 16th anniversary of the signing of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention and International Day of Persons with Disabilities. In honour of survivors and other persons with disabilities of these horrific weapons in Afghanistan and worldwide, the ICBL- CMC is pleased to co-host this event with the Afghan NGO Community Center for Disabled (Afghanistan) featuring the photographs by Giovanni Diffidenti. The photo exhibition depicts the situation of persons with disabilities, including landmine and other ERW survivors, in Afghanistan. Effective activities have been undertaken in support of survivors, but more can and must be done and adequate funding needs to be channeled to this support. This photo exhibition provides a chance to see the effectiveness of disability support translated into enhanced abilities.

18:00 Special event to commemorate the International Day for Persons with Disabilities.

Hosted by the UN Inter-Agency Support Group for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Room XXIV. Contact: glaurie@unog.ch.

WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER

13:00 National Capacities and Management of Residual Contamination.

Hosted by the GICHD. Room XXIV. Contact: p.rapillard@gichd.org. Donors, national authorities and operators are focused on survey and clearance of known and suspected areas of contamination but the complexity of conflict and the nature of contamination in many countries requires appropriate capacity and response mechanisms to address new discoveries of mines/ERW over the longer term. There is a requirement to establish appropriate national capacities to manage residual contamination with realistic approaches that are sustainable. This event aims to provide insights into potential solutions to deal with residual contamination.

13:00 Victim assistance and sustainability.

Hosted by Australia and the ISU. Room XXV. Contact: isu@apminebanconvention.org. For the past two years, Australia has supported the ISU in carrying out research initiatives,

the outcomes of which should be of benefit to the States Parties in considering the sustainability of efforts to fulfil their promise to landmine survivors. This event will share research findings, including on matters such as good practice on the part of mine action programmes in building bridges between victim assistance and broader frameworks.

13:00 Meeting of the Article 7 Contact Group meeting.

Hosted by Belgium. Room XXVII. Contact: Lode.Dewaegheneire@mil.be.

18:30 Reception to bid farewell to the Director of the GICHD and to welcome the new Director.

Hosted by the GICHD. Restaurant L'Attique, Floor A, WMO Building. Contact: p.rapillard@gichd.org.

THURSDAY 5 DECEMBER

13:00 Frameworks and Approaches to Victim Assistance: Launch of Monitor Research Publication.

Hosted by the ICBL. Contact: amelie@icblcmc.org. Room XXIV. What are the various frameworks used for providing assistance to victims? How have these frameworks succeeded so far in meeting the obligations and commitments undertaken by States Parties? Victim assistance is more than the sum of its parts, but although these activities are often synergistic they may also vary significantly in approaches and outcomes. A new research publication by the Landmine and Cluster Munition Monitor sheds light on these questions.



13:00 Gender mainstreaming in mine action projects: the role of donors.

Hosted by the Netherlands and the Gender and Mine Action Programme (GMAP). Room XXV. Contact: a.calza-bini@gmap.ch. The role of donors in supporting efforts to mainstream gender in mine action programmes including inputs from donor agencies, NGOs and the UN. GMAP will also provide practical guidance based on experience from working with a range of stakeholders.

13:00 The DRC on the way to complete Article 5 obligations.

Hosted by UNMAS. Room XXVII. Contact: jknittel@unog.ch. The Government of the DRC and UNMAS will discuss recent developments in mine action. Led by the Minister of Interior, speakers will highlight findings from the recent national survey, present the preparations for the submission of the DRC's Article 5 extension request, and assess the impact of UN Security Council resolution 2098 (2013) on MONUSCO and the mine action community.

13:00 How to improve access for mine action in situations of armed conflict.

Hosted by the Geneva Call. Room VIII. Contact: kkramer@genevacall.org. Ensuring that humanitarian agencies have access to areas controlled by armed non-State actors is critical for conducting effective mine action programmes. Unfortunately, access is often denied or restricted by parties to armed conflict and other actors. Join us for a discussion about the ways humanitarian agencies can engage with all relevant parties to overcome these challenges and bring impartial humanitarian relief to populations in need.

14:00 U.S. Landmine Policy Review Outcomes.

Hosted by the US Campaign to Ban Landmines. Contact: zhudson@handicap-international.us. Room VIII. This event will feature a discussion regarding the outcomes of the US landmine policy review and next steps.

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13:00 Launch of the Outcome Monitoring Initiative.

Hosted by MAG, NPA, DDG and DCA. Room XXIV. Contact: Ben.Mccabe@maginternational.org. Several practitioner NGOs will present a set a common indicators and principles to guide the measurement of outcomes in mine action. The "Statement on Outcome Monitoring in Mine Action" represents a shared commitment to achieving the greatest possible contribution to humanitarian and socio-economic outcomes. This document bears relevance to both operations and policy. Delegations are welcome to discuss the implications of this paper.

13:00 Mozambique: Handicap International's work to advance the provision of victim assistance.

Hosted by Handicap International. Room XXV. Contact: ehottentot@handicap-international.org. This event will present the outcome of a nine-month survivor needs assessment conducted by HI in Mozambique.

13:00 Project D-Box.

Hosted by ASTRIUM. Room XXVII. Contact: franco.curatella@astrium.eads.net. Project D-Box is tackling deficiencies in the process of planning and executing demining programmes. Innovative solutions are being sought and will be integrated in a comprehensive toolbox in order to secure the most efficient, safe and easy to use tools, methods and procedures for demining operations. Cultural, legal and ethical guidance will be produced for decision-makers, politicians, local authorities, local people, civilian organisations and end users.



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- Providing support to individual States Parties, including by providing advice and technical support on implementation and universalization,
- Communicating and providing information about the Convention,
- Keeping records of formal and informal meetings under the Convention, and
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