



**20MSP**

Twentieth Meeting of the States Parties  
21-25 November 2022, Geneva

## **Twentieth Meeting of the States Parties Geneva, 21 to 25 November 2022**

### **Annotated Provisional Programme of Work**

#### **Monday 21 November**

**10:00 – 12:00**

##### **1. Official opening of the meeting**

The meeting will be opened by the President of the Twentieth Meeting of the States Parties (20MSP), H.E. Alvaro Enrique Ayala Melendez, Ambassador and Chargé d'Affaires, Permanent Mission of Colombia to the United Nations in Geneva

##### **2. Ceremonial opening of the meeting**

A ceremonial opening will feature brief messages including from high level representatives from the Government of Colombia, the United Nations, the Convention's Special Envoy, the International Committee for the Red Cross, the International Campaign to Ban Landmines, Representatives of Mine Victims and Survivors and the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining.

##### **3. Adoption of the agenda**

The Meeting will be asked to adopt its agenda as contained in document APLC/MSP.20/2022/1, which was presented to delegations at the 20-22 June 2022 Intersessional Meetings.

##### **4. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the meeting and of other officers**

The Meeting will be asked to elect the eight outgoing members of the Committees as Vice-Presidents of the 20MSP: Algeria, Belgium, Chile, Ecuador, Japan, Spain, Sri Lanka, and Sudan.

##### **5. Confirmation of the Secretary-General of the meeting**

The Meeting will be asked to confirm, as Secretary-General of the 20MSP, Ambassador Felix Baumann of Switzerland. Ambassador Baumann will be invited to offer remarks as host country and Secretary-General of the 20MSP.

##### **6. Organisation of work**

The Meeting will be asked to adopt its programme as contained in document APLC/MSP.20/2022/2, which was presented to delegations at the 20-22 June 2022 Intersessional Meetings.

**12:00 – 13:00**

### **7. Thematic Panel: Deciphering the numbers: Status of Implementation**

In 2019, States Parties adopted the Oslo Action Plan (OAP) to guide their work until 2024. The OAP is the first Action Plan to contain indicators to measure progress in implementing its 50 actions. The Convention's President and Committees with the support of the Convention's implementation support Unit (ISU) have been entrusted with this task. At the 2020 Eighteenth Meeting of the States Parties, the President and the Convention's Committees established a baseline and have since then, submitted annual progress reports based on the OAP's 80 indicators. This year again a progress report and a document summarising the status of implementation have been submitted to the Twentieth Meeting of the States Parties (APLC/MSP.20/2022/12 and APLC/MSP.20/2022/13).



With 2022 marking the halfway point of the OAP implementation, the President and the Chairs of the Convention's four Committees will present the main findings of the progress report, highlighting strengths and weaknesses in implementation and areas which need to be prioritized or intensified between now and the Fifth Review Conference in 2024.

States and organization will be invited to take the floor following brief remarks by the President and Chairs of the Committees and gender focal point.

**15:00 – 16:00**

### **8. General exchange of views**

Delegations will be given the opportunity to deliver brief general statements no longer than four (4) minutes. Interested delegations should contact the Implementation Support Unit to be inscribed in the speakers' list ([isu@apminebanconvention.org](mailto:isu@apminebanconvention.org)).

Given the volume of work that must be dealt with at the Twentieth Meeting, States Parties and Observers are encouraged to refrain from making general statements but rather provide updates on implementation on thematic matters indicated in agenda item 10. For those delegations that do not wish to deliver oral statements, written statements can be distributed and made available on the Convention's website.

**16:00 – 18:00**

### **9. Presentation of requests submitted under Article 5 and of the analysis of these requests**

The Meeting will consider requests for extensions on mine clearance deadlines that have been or are due to be submitted by Afghanistan, Argentina, Ecuador, Eritrea, Guinea-Bissau, Serbia, Sudan, Thailand, and Yemen. States Parties submitting requests will be invited to provide a presentation on the salient points of their requests (**8-10 minutes**).

In keeping with past practice, there will be an opportunity for discussions on extension requests, with the States Parties returning to formal consideration of these requests later in the week.

## Tuesday 22 November

**10:00 – 13:00**

**9. Informal presentation of requests submitted under Article 5 and of the analysis of these requests (continued)**

**10. Consideration of the general status and operation of the Convention**

**a) Assisting the victims: Conclusions and recommendations related to the mandate of the Committee on Victim Assistance**

The Committee on Victim Assistance will present its conclusions and recommendations.

States Parties implementing victim assistance activities<sup>1</sup> will be invited to provide brief updates (**4-5 minutes**) on their efforts to fulfil obligations victim assistance (Actions 33 through 41) of the Oslo Action Plan. In addition, these States Parties will be invited to comment on the conclusions of the Committee on Victim Assistance. Other delegations may remark on these updates and share their views on victim assistance.

States Parties are encouraged to inform on their efforts to mainstream gender and the diverse needs and experiences of people in affected communities.

**15:00 – 18:00**

**10. Consideration of the general status and operation of the Convention (continued)**

**a) Assisting the victims: Conclusions and recommendations related to the mandate of the Committee on Victim Assistance (continued)**

**18:00**

**Opening reception hosted by Colombia, Switzerland, the Canton of Geneva, and City of Geneva (details to follow).**

## Wednesday 23 November

**10:00 – 13:00**

**10. Consideration of the general status and operation of the Convention (continued)**

**b) Clearing mined areas and mine risk education and reduction: Conclusions and recommendations related to the mandate of the Committee on Article 5 Implementation**

The Committee on Article 5 Implementation will present its conclusions and recommendations.

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<sup>1</sup> The following 35 States Parties have reported carrying out victim assistance activities: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Burundi, Cambodia, Chad, Chile, Colombia, Croatia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Guinea-Bissau, Iraq, Jordan, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Palestine (State of), Peru, Senegal, Serbia, Somalia, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Tajikistan, Thailand, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, Yemen, and Zimbabwe.

States Parties which have recently completed or are still in the process of clearing mined areas<sup>2</sup> will be invited to provide brief updates (**4-5 minutes**) on their efforts to fulfil their obligations including Actions 18 through 32 of the Oslo Action Plan. In addition, these States Parties will be invited to comment on the conclusions of the Committee on Article 5 Implementation. Other delegations may remark on these updates and share their views on Article 5 implementation.

States Parties are encouraged to inform on their efforts to mainstream gender and the diverse needs and experiences of people in affected communities .

**15:00 – 18:00**

#### **10. Consideration of the general status and operation of the Convention (continued)**

##### **b) Clearing mined areas and mine risk education and reduction: Conclusions and recommendations related to the mandate of the Committee on Article 5 Implementation (continued)**

##### **c) Cooperation and Assistance: Conclusions and recommendations related to the mandate of the Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance**

The Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance will present its conclusions and recommendations.

In particular, the Committee will present its efforts to strengthen cooperation and assistance and implementation of Actions 42 to 47, the Individualised Approach, and on improving communication amongst States Parties.

Delegations will be given the opportunity to provide updates and share their views on cooperation and assistance and on the conclusions of the Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance.

States Parties are encouraged to inform on their efforts to mainstream gender and the diverse needs and experiences of people in affected communities.

### **Thursday 24 November**

**10:00 – 13:00**

#### **10. Consideration of the general status and operation of the Convention (continued)**

##### **c) Cooperation and Assistance: Conclusions and recommendations related to the mandate of the Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance (continued)**

##### **d) Preventing and suppressing prohibited activities and facilitating compliance: Conclusions and recommendations related to the mandate of the Committee on Cooperative Compliance**

The Committee on Cooperative Compliance will present its conclusions and recommendations.

States Parties<sup>3</sup> which have been mentioned in the conclusions of the Committee on Cooperative Compliance may wish to provide an update on ongoing investigations or activities undertaken to ensure compliance in

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<sup>2</sup> The following 33 States Parties are still in the process of clearing mined areas in accordance with Article 5: Afghanistan, Angola, Argentina, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cambodia, Chad, Colombia, Croatia, Cyprus, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Guinea-Bissau, Iraq, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Palestine (State of), Peru, Senegal, Serbia, Somalia, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Tajikistan, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, Yemen and Zimbabwe.

<sup>3</sup> Sudan and Yemen

accordance with Actions 48 to 50. In addition, these States Parties are invited to comment on the conclusions of the Committee. Other delegations may remark on these updates and share their views on compliance issues.

## **15:00 – 17:00**

### **10. Consideration of the general status and operation of the Convention (continued)**

#### **e) Destroying stockpiled anti-personnel mines**

The President will present its conclusions and recommendations on stockpile destruction.

States Parties responsible for destroying stockpiled anti-personnel mines<sup>4</sup> as well States Parties that have discovered previously unknown stockpiles and States Parties exploring available alternatives to using live anti-personnel mines for training and research purposes, will be invited to provide brief updates on their efforts to fulfil their obligations in accordance with Actions 13 to 17. These updates should contain only new information with efforts made to avoid duplication with respect to updates provided in June at the Intersessional Meetings.

Other delegations will be given the opportunity to remark on these updates and to share their views on stockpile destruction.

#### **f) Universalizing the Convention**

The President will give an overview of the status of universalization.

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

#### **g) Transparency and the exchange of information**

The President will give an overview of the status of transparency.

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

## **17:00 – 18:00**

### **Commemoration of the 25th Anniversary of the Adoption and Signing of the Convention**

Twenty-five (25) years have passed since the international community began the historic effort to create an international legally binding instrument banning anti-personnel mines. This effort culminated with the adoption and signing of the landmark *Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction* initially adopted by 122 countries. Since then, 84% of the world's States, or 164, have undertaken to fulfil the ambition of a mine-free world and ending the suffering and casualties caused by anti-personnel mines, for all people for all time.

This special session will spotlight the 25-year anniversary of the signing of the Convention and the landmark *process* that led to its adoption. It is an opportunity to reflect on the three decades of the anti-landmine

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<sup>4</sup> Greece and Ukraine

movement – born of the understanding that anti-personnel mines are weapons that cannot differentiate war from peacetime, nor will spare maiming or killing a child innocently playing decades after a conflict has ended. This commemoration is also a momentous occasion to ask ourselves – as a *community* – what should be done to address emerging challenges.

**18:00**

**Reception: Commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the adoption and signing of the Convention, and launch of the Third Global Conference on Victim Assistance (details to follow)**

**Friday 25 November**

**10:00 – 13:00**

**8. General Exchange of views (continued)**

**10. Consideration of the general status and operation of the Convention (continued)**

**h) Implementation Support**

**i. Report on the activities, functioning and finances of the ISU and presentation of a work plan and a budget for the 2023 activities of the ISU**

In adopting a work plan for the ISU, the Fourth Review Conference called for it to be subject to a mid-term review to be presented to the Twentieth Meeting of the States Parties. The President will therefore present the mid-term review of the five-year work plan developed in coordination with the ISU and the Coordinating Committee.

Further to the “Directive from the States Parties to the ISU” adopted by the 10MSP and further to decisions of the 14MSP on strengthening financial governance and transparency, the ISU is to propose and present every year to the Coordinating Committee for endorsement, and subsequently to the Meeting of the States Parties for approval, a detailed yearly budget and work plan for the ensuing year within the range and limits of the applicable multi-year work plan, both in terms of expenditures related to core support and expenditures related to enhanced support contained therein.

The Director of the ISU will present the work plan and the budget for the activities of the ISU in 2023. The Meeting will be asked to approve these documents.

The Director of the ISU will report on the activities, functioning and finances of the ISU and present the 2021 ISU audit report as well as the ISU preliminary financial report for 2022.<sup>5</sup>

The Meeting will be asked to approve the report on the activities and finances of the ISU and the ISU’s 2021 audited financial statement.

Delegations will be given the opportunity to provide comments and/or share their views on the ISU work plan and budget 2023, the 2021 audit report, and the 2022 preliminary financial report.

**ii. Other matters concerning implementation support**

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<sup>5</sup> The ISU is tasked to report in written form as well as orally on the activities, functioning and finances of the ISU to each Meeting of the States Parties and to submit an audited annual financial report for the previous year and a preliminary financial report for the present year to the Coordinating Committee and subsequently to the Meeting of the States Parties for approval.

The Meeting will be asked to agree on the dates of the 2023 Intersessional Meetings.

In keeping with its mandate, in 2022 the 20MSP President undertook the task of consulting with States Parties to identify a list of nominees to serve as new Committee members following the 20MSP. On 29 April 2022, the President wrote to all States Parties to indicate that it was seeking two new States Parties for each of the four Committees for two-year terms. On the basis of interest expressed, the President has developed a proposal listing of States Parties to serve as new Committee members from the end of the 20MSP for a two-year term.

If this proposal is agreed to by the 20MSP, the following eight new States Parties would start their two-year membership term at the end of the 20MSP:

- Committee on Victim Assistance: Slovenia and Zambia
- Committee on Article 5 Implementation: Colombia and Sweden
- Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance: Algeria and Japan
- Committee on Cooperative Compliance: Norway

#### **11. Status of assessed contributions received pursuant to article 14 of the Convention<sup>6</sup>**

The status of assessed contributions to the Meetings of the States Parties will be presented and delegations will be given the opportunity to provide comments and views on the assessed contributions.

The 19MSP requested the President of the 20MSP to continue to consult on matters related to financial predictability and sustainability of United Nations assessed contributions with a view of submitting a proposal for adoption at the 20MSP.

Following consultations on a draft proposal and a request for input sent to all States Parties on 12 July 2022, the President will present the proposed decision on the financial predictability and sustainability of United Nations' assessed contribution for adoption by the 20MSP.

### **15:00 -18:00**

#### **12. Consideration of requests submitted under Article 5**

The Meeting will be asked to take decisions on the request for extended mine clearance deadlines which will have been or may be submitted by Afghanistan, Argentina, Ecuador, Eritrea, Guinea-Bissau, Serbia, Sudan, Thailand, and Yemen.

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

#### **14. Consideration of requests submitted under Article 8**

#### **15. Election of the President of the Twenty-First Meeting of the States Parties and of the Fifth Review Conference.<sup>7</sup>**

The Meeting will be asked to agree that H.E. Thomas Göbel, Permanent Representative to the Conference on Disarmament of Germany to the United Nations in Geneva, be elected to preside over the Twenty-First Meeting of the States Parties.

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<sup>6</sup> A decision was taken at the Fourth Review Conference to continue to include in the agenda of the annual Meetings of the States Parties an agenda item on the "Status of assessed contributions received pursuant to Article 14 of the Convention."

<sup>7</sup> The Nineteenth Meeting of the States Parties (19MSP) took note of Germany's active consideration of a candidacy to preside over the Twenty-first Meeting of the States Parties (21MSP).

**16. Duration and matters pertaining to the preparation for the Twenty-First Meeting of the States Parties and the Fifth Review Conference.<sup>8</sup>**

**17. Any other business**

Delegations will be given the opportunity take the floor on matters that have not been covered otherwise by the meeting.

**18. Consideration and adoption of the final document**

The Meeting will be asked to consider and adopt its final report.

**19. Closure of the Twentieth Meeting of the States Parties**

The meeting will be closed by the President.

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<sup>8</sup> The Nineteenth Meeting of the States Parties (19MSP) agreed that the Twenty-First Meeting of the States Parties would take place in Geneva, Switzerland, the week of 20-24 November 2023.