

## **Intersessional Meeting on the Convention on Cluster Munitions** *Annotated programme*

**Monday 27 June 2011**

**10:00-13:00**

### ➤ **Opening of the meeting**

The representative of the President of the First Meeting of States Parties will make opening remarks outlining his expectations for the Meeting and a short review of the work since the First Meeting of States Parties.

In light of the spirit of partnership, which has been a hallmark of this Convention the President's representative will invite three speakers to address briefly the plenary.

- H.E. Adnan Mansour, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Emigrants of Lebanon
- Mr. Saleumxay Kommasith, Director General Department of International Organisations, Lao PDR Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Mme. Laura Cheeseman, Director of the Cluster Munition Coalition

The President will present the programme for the Intersessional Meeting of the Convention on Cluster Munitions.

The President will invite Friends of the President to chair sessions under their respective coordination.

The President will briefly introduce draft outcome documents and recommendations for draft decisions suggested for consideration at the 2MSP

- draft Beirut Declaration
- draft outline of the Beirut Progress Report
- recommendations for draft decisions

The President will invite an overview presentation of the draft Beirut Declaration.

- draft Beirut Declaration, (Lebanon)  
The President-designate will undertake consultations throughout the meeting with regards to the draft Beirut Declaration

The President will invite a presentation on the draft outline of the Beirut Progress Report.

- draft outline of the Beirut Progress Report (Norway)

During this session, States Parties as well as other delegations have the opportunity to make general comments on the draft outline of the Beirut Progress Report.

Thematic areas as they relate to the status of implementation will be covered under sessions dedicated to Universalization, Stockpile Destruction and Retention, Clearance and Risk Reduction Education, Victim Assistance, International Cooperation and Assistance, Transparency and exchange of information and National Implementation Measures.

The President will invite an overview presentation of recommendations for consideration at the 2MSP.

- Recommendations for draft decisions (Lebanon)
  - o Organisation of the work of the Convention
  - o Convention implementation support
  - o Nominations for Working Group and thematic Coordinators
  - o Nominations for President of 3MSP, location and dates
  - o Intersessional work programme

During this session States Parties and other delegations are invited to discuss draft decisions and recommendations presented. The President and President-designate will also undertake consultations throughout the meeting on matters pertaining to the draft decision paper outlining proposals and recommendations for adoption by States Parties at the 2MSP.

➤ **Universalization (chaired by Japan)**

During this session States Parties, signatories, non-signatories, international organisations and civil society are invited to make statements with regards to universalization.

States Parties with obligations to promote the universalization of the Convention are encouraged to provide an update on their plans, priorities and progress on their efforts to implement the Vientiane Action Plan through:

- seizing opportunities to promote adherence to the Convention;
- encouraging and supporting States not Party to become States Parties in time for the Second meeting of States Parties;
- cooperate with others States Parties, and other relevant partners to promote the universalization of the Convention, including help to States not Party to find solutions to facilitate adherence;
- discouraging, in every way possible all use, development, production, stockpiling and transfer of cluster munitions including supporting efforts of States not Party that share the humanitarian concerns caused by cluster munitions to participate in the formal and informal meetings of the Convention.

Other delegations are encouraged to provide an update on the activities they have undertaken to promote universal adherence to the Convention, for instance bilateral meetings, workshops, letters, advocacy missions, diplomatic notes, etc. This could

include making observations on specific challenges and obstacles faced by States not party to the Convention, based on the experiences gained through the outreach activities, and identifying possible concrete solutions to remove such challenges and obstacles.

Signatory States are invited to provide an update on their domestic process to ratify and deposit their instrument of ratification with the UN Secretary General.

There will also be an opportunity for non-signatory States to voice their support for the Convention and to set out their current status vis-à-vis the Convention, for instance currently studying the Convention, have an intention to join in the future, etc.

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**15:00-18:00**

➤ **Stockpile destruction and retention (chaired by Germany)**

States Parties with stockpile destruction obligations and signatory States possessing stockpiles of cluster munitions which would have to be destroyed in accordance with Article 3 of the Convention are encouraged to provide an update on their plans, priorities and progress on their efforts to implement the Vientiane Action Plan through:

- separating cluster munitions from operational stocks and marking them for destruction;
- developing a plan for destruction, including an assessment of resource requirements, a budget and a timeline for the destruction process; and
- carrying out physical destruction of stockpiles.

States Parties and signatory States are encouraged to provide information on any challenges that they believe may cause obstacles to planned destruction as well as any need for assistance.

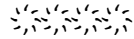
States Parties and signatory States are encouraged to give their views on Article 3.6 with regards to retention and acquisition of cluster munitions for the purposes of development and training. States Parties and signatories that have the intention to retain or acquire cluster munitions under this provision are encouraged to provide:

- their rationale for retention / acquisition and plans for use of retained / acquired cluster munitions;
- the numbers and types of cluster munitions retained / acquired for these purposes.

States Parties and signatory States that will provide information on both their stockpile destruction process and their plans to retain or acquire cluster munitions

for development and training purposes are encouraged to do so in one single statement during the session.

Other delegations are invited to provide views on the implementation of Article 3.



A reception will be held at the Attic, WMO Building, 18:00 – 20:00 hosted by the Ambassador of Lao PDR to the UN in Geneva, Mr. Yong Chanthalangsy and the Ambassador of Lebanon to the UN in Geneva, Mme. Najla Assaker.

**Tuesday 28 June 2011**

**10:00-13:00**

➤ **Clearance and risk reduction (chaired by Australia)**

States Parties with clearance obligations and signatory States that are contaminated by cluster munition remnants which would have to be cleared in accordance with Article 4 are encouraged to provide an update on their plans, priorities and progress towards clearance and providing risk reduction education. This should include efforts to implement the Vientiane Action Plan through:

- increasing capacity for clearance and risk reduction education;
- taking feasible measures to prevent further casualties;
- identifying as precisely as possible the locations and size of all contaminated areas;
- developing a national clearance plan;
- applying all available and relevant methods of non-technical survey, technical survey and clearance; and
- developing and providing risk reduction education programmes.

Delegations should also highlight the resource requirements and possible gaps and the challenges they may face in meeting their obligations under Article 4. Other delegations are invited to provide views on the implementation of Article 4. Where relevant, delegations may wish to raise points concerning the development of new technologies in the field of cluster munition clearance.

States Parties and signatories that have completed clearance of cluster munition remnants are invited to inform the meeting of their lessons learnt in clearing and releasing land.

Delegations are encouraged to address specifically the topic of land release. This topic encourages affected States to release land with no evidence of contamination through survey and allow expensive clearance resources to be focused on confirmed contamination. A draft paper on this topic will be circulated by Australia ahead of the meeting.

➤ **Victim assistance (chaired by Austria)**

States Parties with victim assistance obligations and signatory States that have cluster munition victims under their jurisdiction and control which would require assistance in accordance with Article 5 of the Convention are encouraged to provide an update on their plans, priorities and progress towards implementing the Vientiane Action Plan through:

- increasing capacity to assist victims;
- designating a focal point within government structures to coordinate the development, implementation and monitoring of victim assistance policies and plans;
- collecting sex and age disaggregated data for assessing the needs and priorities of victims;
- integrating victim assistance provisions of this convention in existing coordination mechanisms; and
- reviewing national laws and policies to meet the needs and protecting the rights of victims.

All delegations are encouraged to comment on developments in implementing their commitments under the Vientiane Action Plan, particularly those Actions that have an explicit timeline for the first year after entry into force of the Convention.

Delegations are furthermore encouraged to comment on their national endeavours to develop or adapt national plans and budgets, to foster coherence, practicality and effectiveness, linking activities to other applicable Victim Assistance related instruments of IHL.

Other delegations are invited to provide views on the implementation of Article 5.

➤ **Cooperation and assistance (chaired by South Africa)**

States Parties with obligations to destroy stockpiles, clear affected areas and assist victims and signatory States that have stockpiles, areas contaminated by cluster munition remnants and cluster munitions victims that would require actions in accordance with Articles 3, 4 and 5 are encouraged to provide an update on identifying gaps, needs and priorities for cooperation and assistance. This should include efforts to implement the Vientiane Action Plan through:

- identifying and engaging with relevant partners, including civil society groups, corporations, international organizations and other States that may be in the position to assist in addressing these gaps;

- identifying and engaging with relevant partners, including civil society groups, corporations, international organizations and other States for the exchange of information and technical expertise;
- promoting technical cooperation, information exchange and good practices for the benefit of gaining from each other's experience in implementation of the Convention.

States Parties and signatories seeking assistance are also encouraged to provide an update on the measures they are taking to facilitate the provision of international assistance, mobilize national resources and to promote cooperation between States and actors giving and receiving assistance.

States Parties and other delegations in a position to provide assistance are encouraged to respond to the needs and gaps identified by States in the preceding sessions on stockpile destruction, clearance and risk reduction and victim assistance. This should include efforts to implement the Vientiane Action Plan through:

- responding to requests for assistance by States Parties;
- supporting cluster munitions related programming undertaken by civil society actors, United Nations and international organizations including to facilitate for long-term planning and action to address cluster munition contamination and victim assistance in areas where non-state actors operate; and
- informing affected States Parties of resources, capacities and programmes available.

Other delegations are invited to provide views on the implementation of Article 6.

**Wednesday 29 June 2011**

**15:00-18:00**

➤ **Transparency measures (chaired by Belgium)**

During this session, delegations may wish to give views on the reporting format, a need for transparency reporting guidance, the provision of initial reporting, and the importance of transparency reporting.

➤ **National implementation measures (chaired by New Zealand)**

During this session, States Parties are encouraged to provide an update on the specific implementation measures they have taken under Article 9 of the Convention. In particular, States Parties are invited to share their experiences with national legislation and other measures in place to give effect to the full range of prohibitions and positive obligations in the Convention.

Other delegations with an interest on national implementation measures are also invited to present views here.

➤ **General status and operations of the Convention (chaired by Norway)**

- **Compliance**

States Parties are invited to provide views with regards to compliance issues with reference to the implementation of the Vientiane Action Plan.

- **Report on consultations**

The chair will invite the President–designate to provide a report on the status and outcome of consultations to date with regards to draft outcome documents and draft decisions recommended for consideration by States Parties at the 2MSP.

- Organisation of the work of the Convention
- Convention implementation support
- Nominations for WG and thematic Coordinators
- Nominations for President of 3MSP, location and dates
- Intersessional work programme

Delegations are invited to give views on the draft decisions, recommendations and proposals that have been subject of consultations with regards to the recommendations and proposals for adoption by States Parties at the 2MSP.

**Thursday 30 June 2011**

**10:00-13:00**

➤ **Other implementation measures**

The President will report on any other implementation measures. Delegations may use this opportunity to present views on other implementation measures not covered in previous sessions.

The President will thank Friends for their assistance during the meeting.

➤ **Preparations for the 2MSP**

The President will invite the President-designate to present on the preparations for the 2MSP.

The President-designate will provide a presentation on matters pertaining to the planning and organization of the Second Meeting of States Parties.

➤ **Closure of the meeting**

The President will close the Intersessional Meeting presenting some concluding remarks looking ahead to the work of States Parties and other delegations in preparation for the Second Meeting of States Parties in Beirut.

**Meeting ends**