

# **Technical workshops and Intersessional Meeting on the implementation of the Convention on Cluster Munitions**

## **Annotated programme of work**

**WMO, Geneva, 15 – 18 April 2013**

### **Monday 15 April 2013 Technical workshops on implementation**

#### **10:00-13:00            Workshop I: Clearance**

The Working Group Coordinators may use this opportunity to invite interested stakeholders to an in-depth technical session on specific challenges to and experiences of implementation of Article 4.

The objectives of this workshop are:

- To emphasize the importance of surveys in the clearance process;
- To provide an overview of solutions to challenges faced by States while doing clearance;
- To emphasize the importance of reporting on clearance activities.

Coordinators may then make use of the key findings from these discussions in their report to the States parties during their session at the Intersessional Meeting.

The audience for these workshops would be specialists in mine action and cluster munitions contamination and clearance, national mine action authorities and specialized international and national organizations.

States parties with obligations under Article 4 are not expected to provide updates on their general implementation of this article in this workshop.

#### **11:30 – 13:00            Workshop II: Stockpile Destruction**

The Working Group Coordinators may use this opportunity to invite interested stakeholders to an in-depth technical session on specific challenges to and experiences of implementation of Article 3.

The objectives of this workshop are:

- To provide information of the costs of stockpiling cluster munitions;
- To provide information on effective ways of destroying stockpiles of cluster munitions;
- To provide information on innovative and cost-effective technologies to destroy stockpiles;
- To emphasize the importance of reporting on stockpile destruction activities

Coordinators may then make use of the key findings from these discussions in their report to the States parties during their session at the Intersessional Meeting.

The audience for this workshop would be specialists in mine action and cluster munition contamination and stockpile destruction, national mine action authorities and specialized international and national organizations.

States parties with obligations under Article 3 are not expected to provide updates on their general implementation of this article in this workshop.

### **14:00-15:00                      Workshop III: Reporting**

The Working Group Coordinator may use this opportunity to invite interested stakeholders to share on specific challenges of implementation of Article 7.

The objectives of this workshop are:

- To provide information on tools available to facilitate reporting;
- To promote reporting as an essential component of monitoring progress and of raising awareness on implementation challenges

Coordinators may then make use of the key findings from these discussions in their report to the States parties during their session at the Intersessional Meeting.

The audience for this workshop would be specialists in mine action and cluster munitions and national mine action authorities.

States parties with obligations under Article 7 are not expected to provide updates on their general implementation of this article in this workshop.

### **15:00 – 16:30                      Workshop IV: Victim assistance**

The Working Group Coordinators may use this opportunity to invite interested stakeholders to an in-depth technical session on specific challenges to and experiences of, implementation of Article 5.

The objectives of this workshop are:

- To enhance understanding of victim assistance in the context of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CPRD);
- To provide practical information on measures to implement victim assistance in the framework of implementation of the CRPD;
- To emphasize the importance of reporting on victim assistance activities.

Coordinators may then make use of the key findings from these discussions in their report to the States parties during their session at the Intersessional Meeting.

The audience for this workshop would be specialists in mine action and cluster munitions and national mine action authorities, as well as specialists in areas relevant to victim assistance such as national focal points, health professionals, and disability rights experts.

States parties with obligations under article 5 are not expected to provide updates on their general implementation of this article in this workshop.

**16:30 – 18:00                      Workshop V: Cooperation and assistance**

The Working Group Coordinators may use this opportunity to invite interested stakeholders to an in-depth technical session on specific challenges to and experiences of, implementation of Article 6.

The objectives of this workshop are:

- To gain a better understanding of the policies, approaches and best practices of donors towards the future funding of stockpile destruction and victim assistance in a long term perspective;
- To identify other channels (other than the traditional mine action funding channels) available and being utilized to support victim assistance, including triangular and south-south cooperation;
- To gain a better understanding on how donor governments could ensure that they approach victim assistance from a broad and long term perspective (i.e. medical care through to economic inclusion and social reintegration);

Coordinators may then make use of the key findings from these discussions in their report to the States parties during their session at the Intersessional Meeting.

The audience for this workshop would be States providing or receiving assistance, representatives from organizations involved in providing assistance and support in the specific areas of stockpile destruction and victim assistance.

States parties with obligations under Article 6 are not expected to provide updates on their general implementation of this article in this workshop.

## **Intersessional Meeting on the implementation of the Convention on Cluster Munitions (rolling agenda, times are indicative)**

**Tuesday 16 April**

**10:00 – 13:00**

### **Opening of the Meeting by the 3MSP President**

The President of the Third Meeting of States parties (3MSP) will make opening remarks outlining expectations for the meeting and a short review of the work since 3MSP. The President will also outline plans for consultations during the intersessional meeting on the mandate given to the President at the 3MSP, to negotiate a funding model and the subsequent establishment of an Implementation Support Unit.

It is the Presidency's hope that the intersessional week will be influenced and recognized by informality and collaboration as captured in Action #1 of the Vientiane Action Plan emphasizing the need to continue to further develop the strong partnerships that underpins this Convention.

The President will first present the programme of work for the Intersessional Meeting of the Convention on Cluster Munitions and then invite the Working Group Coordinators to chair sessions under their respective coordination.

As this is an informal intersessional meeting, statements of a general nature are not anticipated. Rather, the Presidency encourages statements focused towards the thematic areas of the respective working groups. The President will remind all delegations that statements will constitute important input for the Lusaka Progress Report.

The President invites Zambia and Costa Rica to chair the next session, to be followed by the other Working Group Coordinators in accordance with the programme of work.

### **Working Group on the General Status and Operation of the Convention (chaired by Zambia and Costa Rica)**

At the outset, the Coordinators will make a brief introduction.

#### Transparency measures

The chair will invite the Coordinator for transparency measures, Belgium, to provide an introduction.

During this session, delegations may wish to give views on the reporting format, transparency reporting guidance, the provision of initial and annual reporting, and the importance of transparency reporting. Delegations are encouraged to reference

their views to the relevant actions in the Vientiane Plan: # 51, # 58, # 59, # 60 and # 61.

#### National implementation measures

The chair will invite the Coordinator for national implementation measures, New Zealand, to provide an introduction.

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. Delegations are encouraged to make reference to the relevant actions in the Vientiane Action Plan, namely actions # 63, # 64 and # 65

All other delegations with an interest in national implementation measures are also invited to present views here.

#### **Working Group on Universalisation (chaired by Portugal and Ghana)**

At the outset, the Coordinators will make a brief presentation containing the update of the situation of States parties after 3MSP.

During this session States parties, States not party, international organizations and civil society are invited to make statements with regards to universalisation.

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.

This is also the opportunity for States not party 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.

**15:00-18:00**

#### **Working Group on Victim Assistance (chaired by Bosnia & Herzegovina and Afghanistan)**

At the outset, the Coordinators will make a brief presentation and report back from the technical workshop held on 15 April.

This session will focus on the implementation of the obligations that States parties have under Article 5 of the Convention, victim assistance, and measures undertaken in order to fulfill them. States parties with relevant obligations are expected to report on progress made.

All delegations are encouraged to actively contribute to the debate under all respective points.

**Working Group on Cooperation and Assistance (chaired by Mexico and Sweden)**

At the outset, the Coordinators will make a brief presentation and report back from the technical workshop held on 15 April.

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 munition victims that would require actions in accordance with Articles 3, 4 and 5 are encouraged to provide an update on identified gaps, needs and priorities for cooperation and assistance. This should include efforts to implement the Vientiane Action Plan.

States in a position to provide assistance are encouraged to provide an update on their efforts to implement article 6. Other delegations are invited to provide views on the implementation of Article 6.

**18:30 – 20:30**

Reception hosted by President and President-designate of the CCM at WMO Attique

**Wednesday 17 April 2012**

**10:00-13:00**

**Working Group on Clearance and Risk Reduction (chaired by Ireland and Lao PDR)**

At the outset, the Coordinators will make a brief presentation and report back from the technical workshop held on 15 April.

This session will focus on the implementation of the obligations that States parties have under Article 4 of the Convention, clearance and risk reduction, and measures undertaken in order to fulfill them. States parties with relevant obligations are expected to report on progress made.

All delegations are encouraged to actively contribute to the debate under all respective points.

**15:00-18:00**

**Working Group on Stockpile Destruction and Retention (chaired by Croatia and Spain)**

At the outset, the Coordinators will make a brief presentation and report back from the technical workshop held on 15 April.

This session will focus on the implementation of the obligations that States parties have under Article 3 of the Convention, stockpile destruction and retention, and measures undertaken in order to fulfill them. States parties with relevant obligations are expected to report on progress made.

All delegations are encouraged to actively contribute to the debate under all respective points.

**Working Group on General Status and Operation (chaired by Zambia and Costa Rica)**

The chair will invite the 3MSP President to present an update on consultations undertaken during the intersessional meeting with regard to a funding model for and establishment of an Implementation Support Unit as well as an update on the way forward.

All delegations are encouraged to actively contribute to the debate under all respective points.

The chair will invite the 3MSP President to introduce the Draft Lusaka Progress Report, and then invite all delegations to present their views.

**Thursday 18 April 2012  
10:00-13:00**

**Working Group on General Status and Operation (chaired by Zambia and Costa Rica)**

Compliance

States parties are invited to provide views with regards to compliance issues with reference to the Convention and the Action #66 of the Vientiane Action Plan that urges all States parties to respond in a robust manner to any allegations of non-compliance, including through bilateral discussions, the use of the good offices of the President, and any other means consistent with Article 8, paragraph 1.

Preparations for the 4MSP

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

Any other business

Delegations may use this opportunity to present views on other implementation measures not covered in previous sessions.

**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 Fourth Meeting of States Parties in Lusaka.