

Annotated programme of work, Intersessional Meeting, 7-9 April 2014

10:00 – 13:00, Monday 7 April, 2014

Opening of the Meeting by the President of the 4MSP

The President of the Fourth Meeting of States Parties (4MSP) to the Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM) will make opening remarks outlining expectations for the meeting.

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 (2010) emphasizing the need to continue to further develop the strong partnerships that underpins this Convention.

As this is an informal 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 present the programme of work for the Intersessional Meeting and provide a short review of work undertaken since the 4MSP. The President will welcome delegations' statements as important contributions to *the San José Progress Report* which will be resented by the Presidency of the 4MSP at the 5MSP.

The President will then invite the Coordinators of the Working Group on Universalization, *Ghana and Norway*, to chair the next session.

Working Group on Universalization
(chaired by Ghana and Norway)

Overview session

At the outset, the Coordinators will make a brief presentation containing the update on matters pertaining to universalization since the 4MSP.

During this session States parties, international organizations and civil society are invited to make statements with regards to universalization.

Signatory states and states not yet party to the CCM are invited to provide an update on their domestic process to ratify or accede to the Convention and in depositing their instrument of ratification with the UN Secretary General.

This is also the opportunity for States not yet 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.

At conclusion, the co-coordinators will then invite the Coordinators on the General Status and Operation of the Convention, *Costa Rica and the Netherlands*, to chair the next session.

Working Group on General Status and Operations of the Convention
(chaired by Costa Rica and Netherlands)

At the outset, the Coordinators will make reference to relevant documents and non-papers prepared as basis for further informal discussions during the exchange of views scheduled Tuesday afternoon. Expected non-papers thus far include substance with reference to the following matters:

- preparations for the 5MSP (new Coordinators; President-designate to the First Review Conference of the CCM – date and location, etc.);
- resource mobilization for the financing of the future ISU;
- the *San José Progress Report*;
- matters pertaining to recruitment ISU
- *The Convention on Cluster Munitions up to the 1st Review Conference: achievements, challenges and possible lines of action*", drafted by Chile, Croatia, Portugal and Spain.

Compliance

The Coordinators will invite the Working Group Chair on Transparency measures, *Belgium*, to provide an overview of compliance with matters pertaining to Article 7.

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Working Group on General Status and Operations of the Convention, cont.
(chaired by Costa Rica and Netherlands)

National implementation measures

The Coordinators will invite the Working Group Chair for National Implementation Measures, *New Zealand*, to provide an introduction and update on the situation of States parties with regard to Article 9.

During this session, States parties are encouraged to provide an update on the specific implementation measures they have taken under Article 9. 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 of the Convention.

Delegations are encouraged to make reference to relevant actions in the Vientiane Action Plan; # 63, # 64 and # 65. All other delegations with an interest in national implementation measures are also invited to present their views.

At conclusion, the Working Group Chair will then invite the Coordinators on Clearance and Risk Reduction, *Lao PDR and Switzerland*, to chair the next session.

Working Group on Clearance and Risk Reduction

(chaired by Lao PDR and Switzerland)

At the outset, the Co-coordinators will make a brief introduction to the area of survey practices and implications for the implementation of Article 4, the area of focus during this session, as survey methodology is of vital importance in the detection of cluster munitions remnants.

The Coordinators would particularly welcome the views and perspectives of affected States and their Mine Action Centers (MACs) as well as donor States and would propose delegations to consider the following questions:

- what has been your experience with surveys to detect explosive remnants, in a cluster munitions contaminated environment in particular?
- what worked well, and what could be improved?
- what are the relative resource requirements of different methodologies (financial and non-financial)?
- what survey methodologies have produced the most accurate and comprehensive result and, in your views, are best suited to address remaining challenges to clear and destroy, or ensure the clearance and destruction of, cluster munition remnants located in cluster munition contaminated areas under the jurisdiction or control of each State party?

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

At conclusion, the Coordinators will invite the Coordinators on Cooperation and Assistance, *Sweden and Chile*, to chair the next session.

Working Group on Cooperation and Assistance

(chaired by Sweden and Chile)

At the outset, the Coordinators will make a brief introduction on the focus areas chosen for discussions during this session; initiatives undertaken by States to promote south-south and triangular cooperation in clearance, stockpile destruction and victim assistance.

In particular regional training centers within these areas of work will be highlighted as well as the prospects for establishing an electronic cooperation portal. Experiences gained with regards to the portal established within the frame of the APMBBC will be shared.

During this session, 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 actions contained in the Vientiane Action Plan.

States in a position to provide assistance are encouraged to provide an update on their efforts to implement Article 6. All States actively involved in south-south and triangular cooperation projects are strongly encouraged to share their experiences on this matter. Other delegations are invited to provide views on the implementation of Article 6. All other delegations with an interest in Cooperation and Assistance are also invited to present views.

10:00 – 13:00, Tuesday 8 April, 2014

Working Group on Cooperation and Assistance, cont.

(chaired by Sweden and Chile)

At conclusion, the Coordinators will invite the Coordinators on Stockpile Destruction and Retention, *Albania and Spain*, to chair the next session.

Working Group on Stockpile Destruction and Retention

(chaired by Albania and Spain)

At the outset, the Coordinators will make a brief introduction and report back from the side event: *Stockpile destruction: options and costs*, held at lunch time, Monday 7 April.

During this session, States are encouraged to share experience of their stockpile destruction processes and share aspects of the economics as well as on measures taken with regards to potential environmental impact of destruction. Other delegations with an interest in stockpile destruction and retention are also invited to present their views.

At conclusion, the Coordinators will invite the Coordinators on General Status and Operation of the Convention, *Costa Rica and the Netherlands*, to chair the next session.

15:00-18:00, Tuesday 8 April, 2014

Working Group on General Status and Operation of the Convention

(chaired by Costa Rica and the Netherlands)

Informal exchange of views

The chairs will make reference to circulated documents and non-papers, invite any presentations thereof and open the floor for informal exchange of views on matters pertaining to:

- preparations for the 5MSP (new Coordinators; President-designate to the First Review Conference of the CCM – date and location, etc.);
- resource mobilization for the financing of the future ISU;
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All delegations are encouraged to actively contribute to the informal exchange of views under all respective points.

At conclusion, the Coordinators will invite all delegations to attend a reception co-hosted by the President of the 4MSP and the President-designate of the 5MSP, at the WMO Attique, 18:00 – 20:00.

10:00 – 13:00, Wednesday 9 April, 2014

Working Group on General Status and Operation, cont.
(chaired by Costa Rica and the Netherlands)

Compliance, cont.

Returning to matters pertaining to compliance Co-coordinators will invite States parties to provide views with regards to compliance issues with reference to the Convention and Action #66 of the Vientiane Action Plan which 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.

Transparency measures

The Coordinators will make a brief introduction and then give the floor to the Working Group Chair on Transparency measures, *Belgium*.

The Working Group Chair will provide a brief update of the situation of States parties since the 4MSP regarding the implementation of Article 7. 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 relevant actions in the Vientiane Action Plan: # 51, # 58, # 59, # 60 and #61. During this session, delegations are encouraged to report on any support required to fulfill their obligations under Article 7 before the deadline (30 April 2014).

At conclusion, the Coordinators will invite the Coordinators on Victim Assistance, *Afghanistan and Mexico*, to chair the next session.

Working Group on Victim Assistance
(chaired by Afghanistan and Mexico)

At the outset, the Coordinators will make a brief introduction containing information on the status of implementation of Article 5.

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

The Coordinators would like to hear from the delegations on the initiatives undertaken to overcome the challenges highlighted at the 4MSP.

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

At conclusion, the Coordinators will invite the Coordinators on General Status and Operation of the Convention back, to chair the next session.

Working Group on General Status and Operation of the Convention, cont.
(chaired by Costa Rica and the Netherlands)

Preparations for the 5MSP

The Chair will invite the President-designate of the 5MSP to provide a presentation on matters pertaining to the planning and organization of the 5MSP which will take place in San José, Costa Rica, 2 to 5 September 2014.

At conclusion, the Chair will invite the President of the 4MSP back, to chair the next session and conclude the meeting.

Closure of the meeting

The President to the 4MSP will close the Intersessional Meeting presenting some concluding remarks looking ahead to the work of States parties and other delegations in preparation for the Fifth Meeting of States Parties in San José.