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Cross/cutting elements

As it is the first time I take the floor, let me congratulate you on assuming the presidency of the second review conference. Let me also thank you for the excellent work by you and your team, as well as the ISU. We appreciate the transparent process leading up to this meeting.

We would welcome clear and measurable actions and we also give our support to the idea of establishing a baseline.

We agree with the overall considerations regarding objective and function, actions and structure.

As regards the cross cutting elements. We especially welcome the inclusion of gender and SDG. Like others have mentioned, we suggest that these cross/cutting elements be also included in the individual sections with actions.

Universalisation

Sweden welcomes strong commitments and actions on universalisation. For the ban to become effective, it is important that also the world's largest manufacturers and users of cluster munitions join the Convention. This remains the biggest challenge for this Convention and we all need to contribute to its further universalization.

We also believe that it is important that the plan condemns and addresses the unacceptable use of cluster munitions.

We believe that universalisation and compliance both strengthen the norm. We are however, flexible on the placement of compliance.

Survey and Clearance

Sweden agrees with the proposal, only two minor points under the last two bullet points; As practice has been so far, the analysis group is only established after an extension request has been sent in. Such an engagement would thus have to be with the coordinators for article 4, unless there is a decision to establish an analysis group on a more permanent basis. In the last bullet point, one could perhaps add well-founded or evidence-based after ambitious.

Risk reduction education

Sweden supports the proposal to change the terminology to risk education. We welcome the encouragement of better reporting and allowing for better reporting through reviewing the templates of the article 7 reports.

Bullet point 5 – add “ where appropriate” so not to impose risk education plans for extension requests where it is not needed.

If more focus should be on risk education, it might be useful to reconsider the current responsibilities of the coordinators.

International cooperation and assistance

Welcome focus on dialogue and « county coalition”. Perhaps it would also be possible to insert a reference to the SDG:s in this section in bullet point 4 or as a stand alone bullet point.