
Convention on Cluster Munitions

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Third Meeting of the States Parties

Oslo, 11–14 September 2012

Item 8 of the provisional agenda

Organization of Work

Annotated Revised provisional programme of work

Submitted by the President

Please note that the 3MSP will follow a rolling agenda, so that when one session is complete, the President will immediately continue to the next session. All times are therefore indicative, and delegations should be prepared for this.

Tuesday 11 September

09.00 – 10.00

Opening Session

10:00-12:00

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Opening of the meeting

The President of the Second Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Emigrants of Lebanon, Dr. Adnan Mansour presides over the election of the President of the Third Meeting of States Parties.

The President of the Third Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions makes opening remarks outlining his expectations for the Meeting and the time period of his Presidency.

Procedural issues

The President oversees the adoption of the Agenda for the Third Meeting of States Parties of the Convention on Cluster Munitions and the rules of procedure.

Confirmation of the Secretary-General of the Meeting and election of the Vice- Presidents and other officers.

Adoption of arrangements for meeting the costs of the Meeting.

The President introduces draft documents and key draft decisions:

- (a) Oslo Progress Report: Monitoring progress in implementing the Vientiane Action Plan from the Second up to the Third Meeting of States Parties, by Lebanon
- (b) Work plan 2013 and draft decisions

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General exchange of views

During this session States Parties, signatories, States not Party international organizations and civil society organizations are invited to make statements of a general nature. Areas that delegations may wish to cover include:

- Political commitments
- Universalization
- General points on implementation of the Convention
- Expectations for the 3MSP
- The preventive role of the Convention for the protection of civilians and its importance for the strengthening of international humanitarian law

14.00-17.00

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General exchange of views (continued).

Item 3 ends after final speaker. If adequate time, the President will continue with Item 10.

Wednesday 12 September

09:00-12:00

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General exchange of views (continued if needed).

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General operation and status of the Convention

In addition to the description of the agenda items below, delegates should also consider the discussion questions in the Oslo Progress Report when preparing their statements.

Victim assistance

The President will make a brief introduction and call on the Coordinators of the Working Group on Victim Assistance Austria and Bosnia-Herzegovina, to report on the status and progress of and obstacles to victim assistance. The President will then call on an expert to briefly present some key challenges in the field of victim assistance.

States Parties with obligations under Article 5 and other states that have the responsibility for a significant number of cluster munitions victims are encouraged to provide an update on their efforts to provide age- and gender-sensitive assistance, including medical care, rehabilitation and psychological support, as well as provide for their social and economic inclusion. States are in particular encouraged to include their views on how victim assistance may be better integrated into existing national health and social care systems.

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

The ICRC, the United Nations, the Cluster Munition Coalition and other delegations are invited to present their comment to the implementation of Article 5, as well as recommendations for how such efforts may be sustainable, adequate and more effective and efficient.

Stockpile destruction and retention

The President will make a brief introduction and then call on Coordinators of the Working Group on Stockpile Destruction, Croatia and Germany, to make a brief presentation on the status and progress of, and obstacles to, implementation of Article 3. The President will also invite the Coordinator for Reporting, Belgium, to provide an overview over the status of reporting as required under Article 3 (8). Finally, the President will then call on an expert to present some key challenges to stockpile destruction.

States with obligations under article 3 are invited to share their plans for, progress on and challenges to the safe and rapid destruction of cluster munitions. Signatory or observer states with stockpiles are invited to share any relevant information regarding the number and types stockpiled, and of any plans for, or obstacles to, their destruction.

All states are invited to provide their views on any issue pertaining to storage, stockpile destruction and retention.

States that have chosen to retain cluster munitions under Article 3 (6 -7) are encouraged to provide updates on their numbers and types, how they have been used in the past year, their plans of use and plans for their eventual destruction. Other delegations are invited to share their views on the implementation of article 3 (6 – 8).

The ICRC, the United Nations, the Cluster Munition Coalition and other delegations are invited to present their views on the implementation of Article 3 as well as their recommendations for how to maintain the momentum in stockpile destruction in the coming period.

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General operation and status of the Convention (continued).

Clearance and risk reduction

The President will make a brief presentation and then call on the Coordinators of the Working Group on Clearance and Risk Education, Ireland and Lao PDR to make a brief presentation on the status and progress of, and obstacles to, implementation of Article 4. The President will then call on an expert on cluster munitions clearance to present some key challenges for clearance efforts.

States with obligations under Article 4 are encouraged to provide an update on their plans, priorities and progress towards clearance and risk education. This could include efforts to identify as precisely as possible the location and size of all areas contaminated by cluster

munition remnants as well as efforts or plans to clear or otherwise release such areas as soon as possible.

Signatory and observer states contaminated by cluster munitions remnants are invited to share with the meeting any information on the magnitude and structure of the contamination, their plans for addressing the contamination and for ensuring the safety of the exposed populations.

All states are invited to share their views on the progress of, and obstacles to clearance efforts, and are in particular encouraged to share ideas and proposals for how to make survey and clearance efforts more effective and efficient.

The ICRC, the United Nations, the Cluster Munition Coalition and other delegations are invited to present their comments on the implementation of Article 4, as well as recommendations for how such efforts may be sustainable, adequate and more effective and efficient.

Thursday 13 September

09.00-12:00

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General status and operation of the Convention (continued)

Universalization

The President will introduce the session and then call on the Coordinators on the Working Group on Universalization, Japan and Portugal, to make a brief presentation on the status of and challenges to universalization of the CCM before the plenary discussion.

States Parties are encouraged to provide an update on the activities they have undertaken to promote universal adherence to the Convention, e.g. bilateral meetings, workshops, letters, advocacy missions, diplomatic notes, etc.

Signatories are invited to provide an update on their domestic process to ratify and deposit their instrument of ratification.

The ICRC, the United Nations and the Cluster Munition Coalition are invited to present their activities and aims for universalization in the coming period.

This is also an opportunity for States not Party and other delegations to voice their support for the Convention and to set out their current status vis-à-vis the Convention, e.g. currently studying the Convention, have an intention to join in the future, etc.

Transparency Measures

The President will call on the Coordinator for Reporting, Belgium, to make a brief presentation on the status and progress of national transparency reporting.

Under this agenda item, delegations may wish to give views on the reporting format, the importance of transparency reporting, to present any transparency measures or reporting that they have already undertaken, or to provide information on any difficulties they may be encountering with transparency reporting.

The ICRC, the United Nations, the Cluster Munition Coalition and other delegations are invited to present their comment to the implementation of Article 7.

National implementation measures

The President will call on the Coordinator on National Implementation Measures, New Zealand, to provide a presentation on the status and activities with regards to national implementation measures.

Under this item, States with obligations under Article 9 are encouraged to provide an update on the specific implementation measures they have taken or plan to undertake under Article 9 of the Convention. In particular, States are invited to share their experiences with national legislation for the Convention.

The ICRC, the United Nations, the Cluster Munition Coalition and other delegations are invited to present their comments to the implementation of Article 9.

Workplan for 2013

The President will provide some introductory remarks with regards to draft decisions, the implementation architecture and intersessional work in 2013.

Under this agenda item, delegations are invited to give views on the work plan for 2013 and draft decisions as they pertain to the implementation architecture and intersessional work.

The suggested host and President-designate of the Fourth Meeting of States Parties will be invited to make a brief presentation of plans for the Fourth Meeting of States Parties.

In addition the plans for the intersessional meetings in 2013 may be discussed here as well as any other plans for informal meetings of the Convention in 2013.

14:00-17:00

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The President make a brief introduction and will then call on the Coordinators of the Working Group on International Cooperation and Assistance, Mexico and Spain, to provide the meeting with a presentation on the status and progress with regards to cooperation and assistance.

States seeking assistance to implement their obligations under the Convention are encouraged to provide an update of their plans and needs as well as on the measures they are taking to facilitate the provision of assistance by other States and to promote cooperation between States and other actors.

States in a position to provide assistance are encouraged to respond to the needs and gaps identified by States in the preceding sessions on victim assistance, clearance, stockpile destruction and risk reduction. Delegations are encouraged to provide information on how they envisage providing assistance. All states delegations are also invited to present views on cooperation and assistance.

The ICRC, the United Nations, the Cluster Munition Coalition and other delegations are invited to present what they are doing to facilitate international cooperation and assistance, assistance they have or are able to provide, their comments to the implementation of Article 6, as well as their recommendations for how such efforts may be sustainable, adequate and more effective and efficient.

Compliance

Article 8 of the Convention addresses the 'Facilitation and clarification of compliance'. If any State Party has a concern regarding compliance with the Convention by another State Party, that State Party may submit a 'Request for Clarification' to the Secretary-General of the United Nations. It is not envisaged that any 'Requests for Clarification' will be submitted, so this agenda item should be brief.

All delegations are invited to share their views on interpretation of provisions of the Convention.

Article 10 of the Convention deals with 'Settlement of disputes'. It is not envisaged that there will be any disputes amongst States Parties at the Third Meeting of States Parties, so this agenda item should be brief.

Extension requests

States Parties may request an extension to their deadlines for the destruction of stockpiled cluster munitions and the clearance of affected areas. It is not envisaged that there will be any requests for extensions from States Parties, so this agenda item should be brief.

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Any other business

This is an open agenda item that provides an opportunity for delegations to raise any other matters that do not fall under the other agenda items. It would be preferable for any delegation wishing to take the floor during this agenda item to submit a request to the Presidency in advance, asking for the floor and indicating the topic they may wish to raise. States may also wish to include items under "Any other business" in their general statements provided earlier in the agenda.

Friday 14 September

09.00-12:00

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Consideration and adoption of the final document

The Presidency will make a final presentation of the outcome documents of the Third Meeting of States Parties. The President may call on respective Friends to report on the results of any consultations undertaken. This is the opportunity for those delegations wishing to make any final remarks relating to the outcome documents to do so.

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Closure of the Third Meeting of States Parties

Concluding remarks and looking ahead

This agenda item provides for the Presidency to close the meeting, presenting some concluding remarks and looking ahead to the work of States Parties and other delegations in 2013, including towards the Fourth Meeting of States Parties.

The host and President-designate of the Fourth Meeting of States Parties may be invited to speak during this closing session, together with key partners from civil society and international organisations at the discretion of the Presidency.

Meeting ends
