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# Convention on Cluster Munitions

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## First Meeting of the States Parties

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### Operation and status of the Convention

## **Draft Work programme 2011 for the implementation and universalization of the Convention on Cluster Munitions**

### **Submitted by the President-Designate<sup>1</sup>**

#### **Background**

1. The President-Designate's paper on the work programme for 2011, including architecture, (CCM/MSP/2010/PM/5) included a proposal for an intersessional meeting to be held in Geneva in June 2011. Such a meeting would be held without prejudice to future decisions concerning the Convention's implementation architecture. This proposal was discussed and consulted at the global conference on Convention on Cluster Munitions hosted by Chile in Santiago, where 85 States having ratified or signed the Convention as well as 15 non-signatory States, international organizations and civil society had the opportunity to provide input, and in various meetings of the Lao Support Group. The paper was distributed at the 6 September 2010 preparatory meeting and appears to have the support of all interested States and organizations.

#### **2011 Work Programme**

##### **Proposal**

2. In order to advance global efforts regarding cluster munitions, ensure continued momentum of the CCM, and to address the many important thematic topics as they relate to the Vientiane Action Plan (VAP), it is proposed that the First Meeting of States Parties (1MSP) in Vientiane agree to convene one informal intersessional meeting, in addition to scheduling the Second Meeting of States Parties (2MSP). The output of such an intersessional meeting would be to recommend to the 2MSP items regarding implementation of the Convention including its implementation architecture and future meeting programme.

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### **Intersessional meeting**

3. After consulting key interested parties, there appears to be a developing consensus that the meeting should be held at the World Meteorological Organization facility in Geneva from 27 to 30 June 2011, immediately following the proposed dates of the Anti-Personnel Landmine Convention (APLC) Meetings of Standing Committees. The CCM intersessional meeting could comprise a three and a half day programme; with the final afternoon available for use as a formal or informal Preparatory Meeting for the 2MSP, should this be desirable. Efficiencies by holding the meetings “back to back” with the APLC, would include less cost for travel and being able to take advantage of the expertise already gathered for the APLC Meeting. It would also help set the stage for the CCM intersessional meeting, as similar thematic discussions would have occurred the week prior.

### **Participation**

4. The work of the informal intersessional meeting should reflect the spirit and practice of inclusivity and cooperation that prevailed during the lead up to, negotiation of, and opening for signature and ratification of the CCM. It is proposed, therefore, that participants include experts from States Parties, signatory States, other interested States, international and regional organizations and NGOs. A sponsorship programme to ensure the widest possible representation among States should be established with voluntary contributions.

### **Organization of intersessional work**

5. It is proposed that the intersessional meeting in 2011 be chaired by the President of the 1MSP, with assistance, both in chairing and in reporting, provided by such “Friends” as the President may deem necessary.

6. Interpretation into English, French and Spanish should be provided during the intersessional meeting. There will be no official documentation, however, as the meeting is informal.

### **Executive Coordinator**

7. In order to support the President-Designate in his tasks and to ensure a successful meeting, it will be necessary for him to appoint an executive coordinator to assist with both the substantive work and the conduct of the meeting, including arranging conference services and additional meeting facilities, as required. Pending any future decisions of States Parties on implementation architecture, it may be prudent that such an appointment include responsibilities related to preparations for the 2MSP, as well as the follow up to 1MSP. The President-Designate proposes to invite Ms. Sara Sekkenes, from the UNDP Bureau of Crisis Prevention and Recovery, to be his Executive Coordinator, in recognition of the strong professional support she has provided over more than a year. The Executive Coordinator should work in cooperation with and secure assistance from the Geneva Branch of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs and the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining as necessary. It is proposed that incremental costs incurred as a result of the work of the Executive Coordinator may be covered through voluntary contributions to the UNDP Thematic Trust Fund for Crisis Prevention and Recovery.

### **Second Meeting of States Parties**

8. At the preparatory meeting on 6 September 2010, States Parties welcomed Lebanon’s expressed interest in hosting the 2MSP in Beirut in 2011. As November 2011 promises to be a very full month of meetings in Geneva, the best compromise may be to

hold the 2MSP prior to the United Nations General Assembly in October and before the November meetings. Initial consultations to date would seem to indicate that mid-September would be a likely timeframe. Lebanon has subsequently formally offered to host and preside over a Second Meeting of States Parties in Beirut, Lebanon for up to five days during the period of 10-20 September 2011.

#### **A Potential Way Forward**

9. In order to implement the work programme for 2011, a number of key decisions will have to be taken by States Parties at the 1MSP. Among them is agreement on the work programme, methodology for the development of implementation architecture, dates and venue for an intersessional meeting, the methodology for provision of conference support for an intersessional meeting, the substantive work in preparing for the 2MSP and finally, dates, venue and Presidency for the Second Meeting of States Parties.

10. Attached in the annex are a series of possible decisions that States Parties may wish to consider at the 1MSP.

## Annex

### Possible Decisions and Recommendations

1. The meetings agreed that the President's paper on the work programme (CCM/MSP/2010/...) should guide the work programme for 2011 and that the President, assisted by such Friends as required, will organize and conduct an interim, informal intersessional meeting designed to conduct thematic discussions on substantive issues including:
  - (a) General status and operation of the Convention
  - (b) Victim assistance
  - (c) Clearance and destruction of cluster munition remnants and risk reduction education
  - (d) Stockpile destruction including retention
  - (e) Universalization
  - (f) Transparency
  - (g) National implementation measures
  - (h) Cooperation and assistance
2. The Meeting also encouraged the President to identify the Friends in order to assist in ensuring continued substantive work and the preparation of the intersessional meeting and to meet regularly with the Friends, together with the United Nations, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Cluster Munition Coalition (CMC) and other relevant organizations in order to coordinate their work.
3. The Meeting agreed that the informal intersessional meeting should include recommendations for consideration by States Parties at the Second Meeting of States Parties regarding implementation architecture and means to coordinate the work of the Convention on Cluster Munitions, future intersessional work, and whether to establish an Implementation Support Unit and, if so, the nature of the Implementation Support Unit.
4. The Meeting agreed that an interim informal intersessional meeting would take place in Geneva, Switzerland from 27 to 30 June, 2011.
5. The Meeting agreed that the informal intersessional meeting should be held in English, French and Spanish.
6. The Meeting welcomed the appointment by the President of [...] as the President's Executive Coordinator, and agreed to invite the Executive Coordinator assisted by the Geneva Branch of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs and the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining, to provide the necessary conference support for this intersessional meeting. Costs for these activities would be covered by voluntary earmarked contributions to the UNDP thematic trust fund for crisis prevention and recovery.
7. The Meeting agreed to designate [...] of [...] as the President of the Second Meeting of States Parties and decided to hold the meeting in [...], [...] from [...] to [...] September 2011.