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Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention Intersessional Meetings | 30 June – 2 July 2020

Programme

Tuesday - 30 June 2020

1000 – 1200 Bilateral meetings with the Committees

This time is reserved for the Committees and the President to hold bilateral meetings with representatives of States Parties.

1200– 1300 Opening of the Intersessional Meetings

Ambassador Osman Abufatima Adam Mohammed of Sudan, President of the Eighteenth Meeting of the States Parties (18MSP) and Ambassador Stefano Toscano, Director of the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD), will deliver opening remarks.

Welcome remarks

The President of the 18MSP, the Chairs of the Committees and a representative of the gender focal points will provide brief introductory remarks.

Break / Side Events

1500-1600 Panel discussion – Effective implementation for all: Gender and diverse needs in practice

Since the Third Review Conference in Maputo, there has been a growing understanding of the need to systematically mainstream gender and the diverse needs of affected communities within the scope of the Convention's work. At the Fourth Review Conference in Oslo, States Parties decided to take a step forward by translating these aspirations into commitments. The objective of the panel is to raise awareness of the value of mainstreaming gender and the diverse needs of affected communities for the effective implementation of the Convention and the Oslo Action Plan, as well as to further the States Parties' understanding of how this can be done in practice. The panellists will share best practices and recommendations to support the mine action community in better understanding practical measures that can be taken to promote gender and diversity mainstreaming.

1615– 1645 Informal Presentation of Requests for Extensions to be considered by the Eighteenth Meeting of the States Parties

States Parties that have submitted or will submit requests for extension of their Article 5 deadlines for consideration at the Eighteenth Meeting of the States Parties will be invited to take the floor to offer an informal presentation of their request. This will be followed by a question and answer session.

1700- 1800 Panel Discussion: Aligning donor coordination to support implementation of the Oslo Action Plan

Cooperation and Assistance is a key component of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention. While States are ultimately responsible for implementing the Convention in areas under its jurisdiction or control, the States Parties have understood that the Convention's shared goals can be advanced through enhanced cooperation. The panel aims to raise awareness of the Cooperation and Assistance related Actions of the Oslo Action Plan and explore important aspects of Cooperation and Assistance (i.e. national ownership, donor coordination and south-south cooperation) to ensure that real progress is made in meeting the 2025 ambitions of the States Parties.

Wednesday - 1 July 2020

1000 – 1200 Bilateral meetings with the Committees

This time is reserved for the Committees and the President to hold bilateral meetings with representatives of States Parties.

Break / Side Events

1500– 1600 Panel discussion: Safety and Protection of mine survivors in Situations of Risks and Humanitarian Emergencies

Landmine survivors, like other persons with disabilities, can be disproportionately affected in situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies, unless appropriate mitigation and response measures are considered in a timely fashion. As required by the Oslo Action Plan (Action #40), the States Parties remain committed to address this challenge. The objective of this panel of experts is to increase understandings on the significance of safety and protection of mine survivors in situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies in mine affected countries. Given the current crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the panel will also aim to draw attention on the disproportionate impact of such pandemics on mine survivors.

1615-1715 Panel Discussion: Addressing anti-personnel mines of an improvised nature under the Convention's framework

Implementation of the mine clearance provisions of the Convention has significantly contributed to the decrease in the number of casualties since its entry into force. However, since 2014, there has been an increased number of casualties due, in part, to the increased use of anti-personnel mines of an improvised nature. The objective of the panel is to recall the understanding of the States Parties of the place of anti-personnel mines of an improvised nature within the Convention, explore the Oslo Action Plan's approach to addressing this matter, best practices in reporting, the importance of disaggregation of devices and available guidance.

1730 - 1800 Informal Presentation of Requests for Extensions to be considered by the Eighteenth Meeting of the States Parties

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Thursday - 2 July 2020

1000 – 1200 Bilateral meetings with the Committees

This time is reserved for the Committees and the President to hold bilateral meetings with representatives of States Parties.

1200 - 1300 Panel Discussion: Cooperative Compliance and the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention

The Convention enjoys a high rate of compliance by States Parties with its provisions. Nevertheless, in some cases, implementation may be perceived as having stalled or not being in line with the Convention's principle of implementation "as soon as possible". In other cases, a lack of reporting has made it difficult for States Parties to assess progress towards meeting their common objectives. The panel aims to examine some of the compliance challenges faced by the Convention and explore relevant compliance actions adopted by the States Parties at the Fourth Review Conference and in the Oslo Action Plan to support the cooperative implementation of the Convention.

Break / Side Events

1500-1545 Informal Presentation of Requests for Extensions to be considered by the Eighteenth Meeting of the States Parties

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1600 – 1645 Presentation on Alternatives to the use of live anti-personnel mines for training – Presentation by The Development Initiative (TDI)

1700-1745 The road towards the Eighteenth Meeting of the States Parties

- Presentation of a draft programme of work for the 18MSP (President)
- Update on preparations for the 18MSP (Switzerland)
- Presentation on 18MSP financial and organisational matters (UNODA)
- Sponsorship Programme (Sponsorship Programme Coordinator)

1745 - 1800 Closing of the 2020 intersessional meetings