

Fifth Review Conference of the States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction

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Review of the operation and status of the Convention

Proposals regarding the Convention's Meeting Programme and Machinery 2025 - 2029

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I. Introduction

1. The implementation of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention is facilitated by the Convention's machinery, including the Convention's informal and formal meetings, through the mandates of the President and the Convention's four Committees as established by the States Parties at their Third Review Conference in 2014 and amended by the Fourth Review Conference in 2019.

2. Since the Fourth Review Conference, the President and Committees have furthered their understanding of how best to implement their respective mandates and take full advantage of the opportunities provided by the Convention's formal and informal meetings. The global pandemic, which on the one hand affected the implementation of the President's and Committees' mandates, also brought new ways to strengthen interactions with representatives of States Parties and other stakeholders, in particular with the integration in the machinery's work of new technology related to online meetings.

3. At the Fifth Review Conference, the States Parties will consider the need and the nature of meetings (both formal and informal) and agree on the meeting's programme for the period until the Sixth Review Conference in 2029. Likewise, at the Fifth Review Conference, the States Parties will consider amendments to the machinery established at the Third Review Conference and reviewed by the Fourth Review Conference.

4. The proposal on the Convention's meeting programme and machinery is based on the *Reflections on the Convention's Meeting Programme and Machinery* submitted to the First Preparatory Meeting¹, as well as input received. The proposal aims to ensure that the meeting programme and machinery continue to support the efforts of the States Parties in the implementation of the Convention and the Siem Reap- Angkor Action Plan.

* The present document is being issued without formal editing.

** The present report was submitted after the deadline in order to reflect the most recent developments/information.

¹ See APLC/CONF/2024/PM.1/4.



II. Proposals regarding the Convention's meeting programme and machinery

A. Meetings of the States Parties

5. Continue to hold Meetings of the States Parties annually for up to five days leading to the Sixth Review Conference in 2029.
6. Continue including as an agenda item of the Meetings of the States Parties, the financial status of assessed contributions.
7. Continue to include a thematic discussion of interest to the States Parties and of relevance to the implementation of the Convention and the Siem-Reap – Angkor Action Plan (e.g. addressing improvised anti-personnel mines, gender and the diverse needs of mine-affected communities, environmental matters, etc.).

B. Intersessional Meetings

8. Continue to hold Intersessional Meetings annually in Geneva for a minimum of three days of plenary meeting.
9. In order to allow ample time for discussions between the Convention's machinery and representatives of States Parties, States not party and other stakeholders on matters related to the implementation of the Convention and the Siem Reap – Angkor Action Plan, consider adding on an annual basis, one day to dedicate to bilateral meetings or to discuss thematic matters related to implementation.
10. The President will consider and decide on these options in consultation with the Coordinating Committee.

C. The machinery

11. The mandate of the President to "Propose, if deemed necessary, one or more members of the Coordinating Committee to provide support on any issue of the President's mandate, which may require particular attention, including on financial matters" should highlight support to universalization efforts of the President.
12. References to the Oslo Action Plan in the mandates of the Convention's Committees should be replaced with the Siem Reap – Angkor Action Plan.
13. The mandate of the Committee on Article 5 Implementation should be amended to include the following "Consider matters related to implementation of mine risk education and risk reduction as well as environmental considerations in implementation of Article 5."
14. The mandate of the Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance should be amended to include references to the Committee's support to interested States Parties in organizing meetings of the Individualised Approach and in taking advantage of the Cooperation and Assistance Fund.
15. The mandate of the Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance should be amended by removing the reference to the "platform for partnerships" and including a reference to "encouraging and supporting the establishment of national mine action platforms to strengthen partnerships and coordination between all stakeholder, including States Parties in a position to provide assistance".
16. The mandate of the Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance should be amended to include a reference to supporting the Committee on Article 5 in their analysis of submitted requests for extension as concerns matters related to expressed requirements for assistance (e.g. budgets, resource mobilization plans).
17. The Committees should continue their efforts of increasing and strengthening their coordination, including by examining implementation by States Parties in a more holistic manner and submitting joint conclusions on the status of implementation of the Convention by States Parties at Meetings of the States Parties/Review Conferences.