

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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Exchange of views on documents to be adopted at the Fifth Review Conference

Proposed post-Fifth Review Conference machinery and meetings

Draft Recommendations on the Meeting Programme and Machinery 2025-2029

Submitted by the President*, **

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 and Committee's mandates, also brought new ways to strengthen interactions with representatives of States 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, States Parties will have to consider the need and the nature of meetings (both formal and informal) and agree on the meetings programme for the period until the Sixth Review Conference in 2029. Likewise, the Fifth Review Conference provides an opportunity to review the machinery established at the Third Review Conference and reviewed by the Fourth Review Conference. In reviewing the meeting programme and the machinery, consideration should be given to how these can best support the efforts of the States Parties in implementing the Convention and the Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan.
4. Based on the *Reflections on the Convention's Meeting Programme and Machinery*¹ submitted to the First Preparatory Meeting and input received, below are draft recommendations and decisions to inform a discussion during the Second Preparatory Meeting.

* The present document is being issued without formal editing.

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

¹ APLC/CONF/2024/PM.1/4.



II. Draft recommendations regarding the Convention's meetings

A. Meetings of States Parties

- (a) Continue to hold Meetings of States Parties annually for up to five days leading to the Sixth Review Conference in 2029;
- (b) Continue including as an agenda item of the Meetings of the States Parties, the financial status of assessed contributions;
- (c) 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 diversity, environmental matters, etc.).

B. Intersessional Meetings

- (a) Continue to hold Intersessional Meetings annually in Geneva for a minimum of three days of plenary meeting;
- (b) 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 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;
- (c) The President will consider and decide on these options in consultation with the Coordinating Committee.

C. The machinery

- (a) 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;
- (b) References to the Oslo Action Plan in the mandates of the Convention's Committees should be replaced with the Siem Reap – Angkor Action Plan;
- (c) The mandate of the Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance should be amended to mention the support provided to States Parties, where relevant, in establishing national mine action platforms;
- (d) 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;
- (e) 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";
- (f) 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);
- (g) 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.