

Convention on Cluster Munitions

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First Meeting of the States Parties

Vientiane, Lao People's Democratic Republic

9–12 November 2010

Item 9 of the provisional agenda

Organization of work

Annotated provisional programme of work for the First Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on cluster munitions

Submitted by the Chairperson

Corrigendum

Tuesday 9 November

09:00-10:15

Official Opening Ceremony

11:00-13:00

Opening of the meeting

1. Ireland presides over the adoption of the procedural report from the Preparatory Meeting and the election of the President of the First Meeting of States Parties.
2. The President makes opening remarks outlining his expectations for the Meeting and the time period of his Presidency.

Procedural issues

3. The President oversees the adoption of the Agenda for the First Meeting of States Parties of the Convention on Cluster munitions, the Programme of Work and the Rules of Procedure.
4. The President introduces the draft outcome documents and key draft decisions. The President may request delegates from Norway, Belgium and Canada to provide some introductory remarks in their capacity of Friend of the Chair.
 - (a) The Vientiane declaration by Lao People's Democratic Republic;
 - (b) The Vientiane Action Plan by Norway;

- (c) Article 7 transparency reporting formats by Belgium.
- (d) Work programme 2011 by Canada.

General exchange of views

5. In light of the spirit of partnership, which has been a hallmark of this Convention, the President will first invite three speakers to address the plenary:

Ms. Asha-Rose Migiro, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations;

Ms. Christine Beerli, Vice-President of the International Committee of the Red Cross; and

Mr. Thomas Nash, Coordinator of the Cluster Munition Coalition.

6. During this session States Parties, signatories, non-signatories, international organisations and civil society are invited to make statements of a general nature. Areas that States may wish to cover could be:

- (a) reaffirmation of political commitments,
- (b) universalisation outreach,
- (c) plans for implementation of the convention, and
- (d) expectations for the 1MSP.

15:00-18:00

General exchange of views (continued)

7. See above.

Wednesday 10 November

09:00-12:00

General exchange of views (continued)

8. See above.

Operation and status of the Convention

(a) Universalization

9. The President will first call on the distinguished delegate of Japan to provide some introductory remarks with regards to universalization in their capacity as Friend of the Chair.

10. Delegations 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.

11. Observer States are invited to provide an update on their domestic process to ratify and deposit their instrument of ratification with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

12. This is also an opportunity for non-signatory States 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.

(b) Storage and stockpile destruction

13. The President will first call on the distinguished delegate of Germany to provide some introductory remarks with regards to *Stockpile destruction* in their capacity as Friend of the Chair.

14. States Parties and observer States are encouraged to give an update on their efforts to:

(a) separate cluster munitions from operational stocks and mark them for destruction; and

(b) develop a plan for destruction, including an assessment of resource requirements, a budget and a timeline.

15. States Parties and observer States are encouraged to give their views on Article 3, paragraph 6 with regards to retention and acquisition of cluster munitions for the purposes of development and training. States Parties and signatories that have the intention to retain or acquire cluster munitions under this provision are encouraged to provide:

(a) their rationale for retention / acquisition and plans for use of retained / acquired cluster munitions; and

(b) the numbers and types of cluster munitions retained / acquired for these purposes.

14:00-17:00*Operation and status of the Convention (continued)*

(c) Clearance and destruction of cluster munition remnants and risk reduction education

16. The President will first call on the distinguished delegate of Australia to provide some introductory remarks with regards to clearance and the destruction of cluster munitions remnants and risk education in their capacity as Friend of the Chair.

17. States Parties and observer States that are affected by cluster munition remnants are encouraged to provide an update on their plans, priorities and progress towards clearance and risk reduction education. This should include efforts to identify all contaminated areas, survey, assess and record the threat posed by cluster munition remnants and assess and prioritise needs.

18. Delegations should also highlight the resource requirements and possible gaps and the challenges they may face in meeting their obligations under Article 4. Other delegations are invited to provide views on the implementation of Article 4.

The development of technologies to clear cluster munition remnants¹

19. Delegations may wish to raise points concerning the development of new technologies in the field of cluster munition clearance.

¹ This item appears in the provisions agenda as a separate agenda item but given its close relation to clearance the President suggest covering this agenda item during the border discussion on clearance.

(d) Victim assistance

20. The President will first call on the distinguished delegate of Austria to provide some introductory remarks with regards to Victim Assistance in their capacity as Friend of the Chair.

21. States Parties and observer States that have cluster munition victims under their jurisdiction and control 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. Other delegations are invited to provide views on the implementation of Article 5.

Thursday 11 November 2010

09:00 – 12:00

Operation and status of the Convention (continued)

(e) Transparency measures

22. The President will first call on the distinguished delegate of Belgium to provide some introductory remarks with regards to Reporting format in their capacity as Friend of the Chair.

23. Under this agenda item, delegations may wish to consider the reporting format submitted to the meeting. Delegations may also wish to give views on the importance of transparency reporting or to present any preliminary transparency measures or reporting that they have already undertaken.

(f) National implementation measures

24. The President will first call on the distinguished delegate of New Zealand to provide some introductory remarks with regards to National implementation measures in their capacity as Friend of the Chair.

25. Under this item, States Parties are encouraged to provide an update on the specific implementation measures they have taken under Article 9 of the Convention. In particular, States Parties are invited to share their experiences with national legislation on the Convention. Other delegations with an interest on national implementation measures are also invited to present views here.

(g) Work plan for 2011

26. The President will first call on the distinguished delegate of Canada to provide some introductory remarks with regards to the Work Programme in their capacity as Friend of the Chair.

27. Under this agenda item, delegations are invited to give views on the work plan for 2011, which has been the subject of wide consultations.

28. The suggested host and President-designate of the Second Meeting of States Parties will be invited to make a brief presentation of plans for the Second Meeting of States Parties. In addition the plans for the intersessional meetings in 2011 may be discussed here as well as any other plans for informal meetings of the Convention in 2011.

14:00 – 17:00*International cooperation and assistance and assistance in accordance with Article 6 of the Convention*

29. The President will first call on the distinguished delegate of South Africa to provide some introductory remarks with regards to International cooperation and assistance in accordance with Article 6 of the Convention in their capacity as Friend of the Chair.

30. Under this agenda item, States Parties 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 education.

31. Delegations are encouraged to provide information on how they envisage providing assistance.

32. States Parties and signatories seeking assistance are encouraged to provide an update on the measures they are taking to facilitate the provision of assistance by other States and to promote cooperation between States giving and receiving assistance. Other delegations are also invited to present views on cooperation and assistance.

Friday 12 November 2010**09:00 – 12:00***The development of technologies to clear cluster munition remnants*

33. Covered under agenda item “Operation and Status of the Convention - Clearance and destruction of cluster munition remnants and risk reduction education”, Wednesday 10 November 14:00-17:00.

Submissions of States Parties under Articles 8 and 10 of the Convention

34. Article 8 of the Convention deals with the ‘Facilitation and clarification of compliance’ with the Convention. 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.

35. 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 First Meeting of States Parties, so this agenda item should be brief.

Submissions of States Parties under Articles 3 and 4 of the Convention

36. States Parties may request an extension to their eight-year deadline for the destruction of stockpiled cluster munitions. It is not envisaged that there will be any requests for extensions from States Parties, so this agenda item should be brief.

Any other business

37. 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 asking for the floor and indicating the topic to be raised. States may also wish to include items under “Any other business” in their general statements provided earlier in the agenda.

14:00 – 17:00

Consideration and adoption of the final document

38. During this agenda item the Presidency will make a final presentation of the outcome documents of the First Meeting of States Parties, namely the Vientiane declaration, the Vientiane Action Plan, the decisions for the 2011 work programme and the reporting formats for Article 7 transparency reports. The President may call on respective Friends, Norway, Canada and Belgium to report on the results of any consultations during the week. Given the extensive consultations with States Parties and other delegations in the preparatory process for the First Meeting of States Parties, it is expected that the formal adoption of these documents will be straightforward. However, this is the opportunity for those delegations wishing to make any final remarks relating to the outcome documents to do so.

Closure of the meeting

39. 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 2011, including towards the Second Meeting of States Parties.

40. The host and President-designate of the Second 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
