

Convention on Cluster Munitions

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Organization of work

Draft decisions, including the workplan for 2015

1. At the Fifth Meeting of States Parties, the States parties expressed their strong concern regarding recent incidents and evidence of use of cluster munitions in various parts of the world. They condemned all use of cluster munitions, which defies the international norm established by the Convention on Cluster Munitions. This is an essential part of ensuring that civilians will no longer suffer the consequences of these weapons and moving us closer to a world free of cluster munitions.

2. At the plenary meeting on 5 September 2014, the States parties decided to convene a two-day informal intersessional meeting in Geneva, on 1 and 2 June 2015. They also decided that interpretation would be provided in English, French and Spanish and would be supported through voluntary funding. Lastly, they decided to convene two preparatory meetings of half a day each in Geneva, on 5 February and 3 June 2015.

3. At the same plenary meeting, the States parties welcomed new coordinators who would work with sitting coordinators to lead the intersessional work programme, as follows:

Working Group on the General Status and Operation of the Convention: Lebanon (from the Fifth to the Sixth Meeting of States Parties) working with the Netherlands;

Working Group on Universalization: Ecuador (from the Fifth to the Sixth Meeting of States Parties) working with Norway;

Working Group on Victim Assistance: Australia (from the Fifth to the Sixth Meeting of States Parties) working with Mexico;

Working Group on Clearance and Risk Reduction: Bosnia and Herzegovina (from the Fifth to the Sixth Meeting of States Parties) working with Switzerland;

Working Group on Stockpile Destruction and Retention: France (from the Fifth to the Sixth Meeting of the Parties) working with Albania;



Working Group on Cooperation and Assistance: Austria (from the Fifth to the Sixth Meeting of States Parties) working with Chile.

4. The States parties also welcomed the continued work of working group Chairs as follows:

Reporting: Belgium (until the First Review Conference);

National Implementation Measures: New Zealand (until the First Review Conference).

5. At the same plenary meeting, the States parties decided to designate Croatia as the President of the First Review Conference, to be held from 7 to 11 September 2015 in Dubrovnik, Croatia.

6. The States parties noted that it was not possible, at the current stage, to agree on a funding model for an implementation support unit. With a view to being able to take a final decision on the matter at the First Review Conference, they agreed to task the Co-Chairs for general status and operations to consult States parties to devise a draft compromise proposal, based on the principles of sustainability, predictability and ownership, on the funding model, to be included in the agenda of the preparatory process for the Review Conference.

7. Recalling the decision taken at the Fourth Meeting of States Parties to establish an implementation support unit and welcoming the steps taken to that effect by the President of the Fourth Meeting, the States parties expressed appreciation to the President for the efforts made and welcomed the conclusion of an agreement with the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining on the hosting of the Implementation Support Unit, as contained in document [CCM/MSP/2014/INF/1](#).

8. The States parties also took note with appreciation of the steps taken by the President of the Fourth Meeting of States Parties regarding the recruitment process for the Director of the Implementation Support Unit and recognized the vacancy notice issued and the composition of the selection panel (five State parties: Costa Rica, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Netherlands and Zambia). The States parties therefore decided to mandate the President of the Fifth Meeting of States Parties, assisted by the selection panel, to finalize the recruitment process as soon as possible, preferably by March 2015, in a transparent way and in consultation with the coordinators, taking into account the views of all States parties. The secretariat functions currently being provided by the interim Implementation Support Unit based in the United Nations Development Programme Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery are to be handed over to the Director on the first day of the First Review Conference.