

FIRST MEETING OF STATES PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON CLUSTER MUNITIONS

VIENTIANE, 9-12 NOVEMBER 2010

VIENTIANE ACTION PLAN 2011-201?

1. Introduction

Overall aims, clarifications and contexts of the action plan (Lead: Norway and Lao PDR)

- The elements of the introductory chapter will depend on the nature and time period chosen for the action plan, and therefore on discussions during the Santiago conference and beyond. Suggested alternatives include a one-year action plan towards the Second Meeting of States Parties, and a five-year action plan towards 1st Review Conference. They can also be combined in a one year + four year approach
- The primary purpose of a short one-year plan could be to guide the States Parties in the first implementation year, and prepare for a more substantial 2MSP.
- A one-year action plan should be short with a few selected concrete actions within each field of implementation (Victim Assistance, Clearance, Stockpile Destruction, International Cooperation and Assistance). The actions need to reflect the high ambitions of the Convention but at the same time need to be realistic to implement within 12 months.
- A one-year action plan should also identify what steps States Parties need to take during the first year to ensure effective, efficient and sustainable implementation of the Convention for a longer period – for example a more comprehensive action plan for the time up to 1st Review Conference. (1+4 year approach)
- A 5 (4) year action plan could be more comprehensive and with more detailed actions on all aspects of the implementation of the Convention. Actions in many sections could be sequenced and temporal, identifying first, second and third (etc) steps of an implementation action, thus providing States Parties with guidance on priorities.
- Actions in a 5(4) year plan should be designed so implementation progress could be monitored at regular intervals (i.e. at the Second, Third and Fourth Meetings of States Parties).

2. Partnership/inclusion

Actions to ensure continued partnership and inclusion of all relevant actors in implementing the Convention (Lead: Norway and Lao PDR; work closely with partners such as CMC, the ICRC and the UN to identify challenges and relevant actions; work also with Ireland as friend on procedural matters)

- Actions in this section need to clearly identify all relevant implementation actors; including States parties, Civil Society (CMC) United Nations agencies and the International Committee of the Red Cross.
- Actions need to reaffirm that all aspects of implementation must include all relevant actors, reflecting the established partnership between States, Civil Society, UN, ICRC and other relevant organisations.

- Actions need to acknowledge the special role of survivors, victims and representatives from affected communities in the implementation efforts.
- Actions need to clarify roles and responsibilities for the different actors in the implementation efforts, including in the formal implementation forum (MSPs, RCs and relevant intermediate activities.)
- Actions should include facilitation of participation of actors in the implementation process – such as sponsorship programs etc.
- Efforts should be made to identify possible new partnerships that may assist rapid implementation, for instance with private sector

3. Universalisation

Actions to ensure global adherence to the CCM and promote it as a universal norm [Will incorporate elements that are suggested by Japan as friend on universalisation before/during Santiago Conference]

4. Destroying stockpiled cluster munitions

Actions to ensure rapid compliance with Article 3, and to avoid future violations of deadlines [Will incorporate elements that are suggested by Germany as friend on Article 3 before/during Santiago Conference]

5. Clearing areas affected by cluster munitions

Actions to facilitate rapid implementation of Article 4 [Will incorporate elements that are suggested by Australia as friend on Article 4 before/during Santiago Conference]

6. Assisting the Victims

Actions to facilitate Article 5 [Will incorporate elements that are suggested by Austria as friend on Article 5 before/during Santiago Conference]

7. International Cooperation and Assistance

Actions on how Article 6 can be best utilised as implementation support, in particular supporting the actions under 3, 4 and 5 [Will incorporate elements that are suggested by South Africa as friend on Article 6 before/during Santiago Conference]

8. Additional actions essential to achieving the Convention's aims, including reporting and transparency

Actions to facilitate implementation of other relevant articles (Lead: Norway and Lao PDR; work closely with Belgium as friend on reporting; with New Zealand as friend on Article 9 on national implementation measures; with Canada as friend on work plan 2011) [Will incorporate elements that are suggested by these states before/during Santiago Conference]