

TENTH MEETING OF THE STATES PARTIES

Enhancing international cooperation and assistance in the context of the Convention

Agenda Item 10

Tuesday 30 November, 15:00 to 18:00

Delegations will recall that a three-hour session has been set aside at the 10MSP to discuss “enhancing international cooperation and assistance in the context of the Convention”. The intention is that delegations will be able to build upon the fruitful discussion on this matter that was convened on 25 June 2010 by the President of the Second Review Conference.

On 25 June, a great deal was accomplished in highlighting key matters that should be part of an agenda to be pursued by the States Parties concerning cooperation and assistance. The purpose of 10MSP’s discussions on this matter is to further refine this agenda. In this regard, delegations may wish to prepare themselves for this discussion by considering points related to the following thematic areas and related questions. These questions either reiterate or build upon questions that were posed in the discussion papers presented on 25 June 2010.

1. Expressing needs

Given that “assisting the victims” exists within broader healthcare, social services, development and human rights contexts, what is the role (and the extent of the role) of the AP Mine Ban Convention in addressing what amounts to a profound set of challenges to overcome in many countries?

The States Parties have recognised that national ownership, which they have defined as including a clear understanding of the size, location and quality of a State Party’s Article 5 implementation challenge, is essential for ensuring that cooperation and assistance can flourish. What are the impediments to national ownership and how can they be overcome?

2. Matching needs with resources

The Convention is founded on partnerships – between States, international organisations and NGOs – and between those affected and those in a position to assist, at the international level, at the national level as well as at community levels. How can we make these partnerships more effective in the support of implementation? How in particular can partnerships between affected States Parties be enhanced?

3. Efficiently using resources

How can we continue to increase efficiency in the implementation of the Convention, both in terms of the provision of resources and in their use? What are the opportunities and challenges presented by the various different funding mechanisms (bilateral, multilateral, trust funds, mainstreamed versus dedicated budgets) for ensuring the expedient, effective and accountable use of limited resources?