

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 the preparation of documents for the Fifth Review Conference

Concept note on the Fifth Review Conference Substantive Documents. The Road to the Fifth Review Conference

Submitted by the President of the Fifth Review Conference**

I. Introduction

1. The Fifth Review Conference will adopt three key substantive documents: 1) a Review Document detailing the status of implementation, 2) the Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan for the years 2025-2029 and 3) a political declaration. This concept note outlines the presidency's initial vision for these substantive documents as well as the process and timeline for their development. The concept note further offers guidance on how States Parties and other stakeholders can contribute to the process.

2. The process of developing these documents will be an inclusive one. All States Parties and other stakeholders are invited to share their views, analysis and input to the development of the Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan and associated documents. The aim is for all three substantive documents to be clear, concrete and concise. The documents should focus on overall, global analysis and seek to respond to trends and challenges through concrete actions and commitments. Importantly, the three substantive documents should reflect today's realities and remaining challenges.

3. The Review of the Status and Operation of the Convention ("Review Document") will be a comprehensive -but concise- review of the status and implementation of all thematic areas of the Convention, including universalization, victim assistance, mine clearance, stockpile destruction, cooperation and assistance, transparency, compliance and the exchange of information.

4. The Review Document will be structured thematically with the aim to:

- (a) Detail and analyse progress made in fulfilling Convention obligations since the 2019 Fourth Review Conference;
- (b) Identify areas where progress may be lagging behind expectations;
- (c) Identify new challenges to fulfilling the obligations and goals of the Convention that have emerged since 2019; and
- (d) Identify areas where improvements can be made to ensure the efficient and effective implementation.

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5. The Review Document will focus on a global trend analysis rather than country-by-country analysis, seeking to capture and reflect the reality the Convention is facing today.

6. The presidency would welcome States Parties and other stakeholders to share their analysis of progress and challenges in fulfilling Convention obligations and achieving its goals in the period 2019-2024. As indicated above, input should be provided on the implementation of the main thematic areas of the Convention (i.e. universalization, compliance, victim assistance, mine clearance, stockpile destruction, cooperation and assistance and transparency, compliance and the exchange of information) by addressing the following questions:

- (a) What progress has been made in the implementation of the Convention's commitments since the Fourth Review Conference?
- (b) In what areas has progress in implementation been slower or not sufficient?
- (c) How have changes in the global context hampered effective and efficient implementation of the Convention's commitments?
- (d) What are the remaining challenges, including new challenges, which are/will be confronted by the mine action community in the implementation of the Convention's commitments?
- (e) What are the major advancements made in each area of implementation since 2019?

7. All analysis submitted should focus on identifying overall, global trends since the Fourth Review Conference in 2019, but may use country examples if these are particularly suited to illustrate a global trend. Written input should be succinct and simple to understand.

8. The Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan will build on and respond to the analysis in the Review Document. The Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan will detail the concrete actions States Parties will need to take to respond to remaining challenges in order to fulfil the obligations and achieve the goals of the Convention during the period of 2025-2029. The Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan will build on the previous Oslo Action Plan but will seek to capture new developments, progress and challenges. The aim will be for the Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan to be clear and simple to understand. It will contain concrete actions, which should be measurable where possible.

9. The Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan will consist of an introductory section, followed by thematic sections. This proposed outline may need be modified as a result of the analysis contained in the Review Document.

- (a) Introduction: The introduction will take into account the progress made since 2019 and the global context in which the Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan 2025-2029 will be launched. As with the Oslo Action Plan, the Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan may include a section on cross-cutting actions.
- (b) Thematic sections: Each thematic section will include a very brief introduction (to cover only issues not addressed in the introduction section), followed by concrete, tangible and, to the greatest extent possible, measurable actions. The main areas that are likely to be included as thematic sections are the following:
 - i. Best practices for implementing the Convention
 - ii. Universalisation
 - iii. Stockpile destruction and retention of anti-personnel mines
 - iv. Survey and clearance of mined areas
 - v. Mine risk education and reduction
 - vi. Victim assistance
 - vii. International cooperation and assistance
 - viii. Measures to ensure compliance

10. States Parties and other stakeholders are encouraged to review the Oslo Action Plan and submit written suggestions for actions and indicators relating to one or more thematic sections of the Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan in line with the proposed outline and using the annexed feedback tool if possible. States Parties and other stakeholders are also encouraged to suggest actions relating to cross-cutting issues that are relevant to all aspects of Convention implementation. Input should focus on actions that support the goals of the Convention, while not repeating what is stated in the Convention.

11. Input to the Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan should suggest concrete, tangible and, to the greatest extent possible, measurable actions States Parties should take in order to fulfil the obligations and reach the goals set forth by the Convention. Some actions may be identified as only relevant to certain groups of States Parties (i.e. affected states, states in a position to provide assistance etc.), and others as applicable to all States Parties. Language should be simple to understand, allowing the reader to quickly and easily grasp the core of the suggested actions to be undertaken.

12. All written suggestions and input for the Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan should be submitted to the ISU isu@apminebanconvention.org by 21 May 2024. The First Preparatory Meeting will provide an opportunity for delegations to hold preliminary discussions on the outline of the Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan.

13. The Political Declaration will aim to strengthen and express the political commitment of States Parties to implement the Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan and to recommit to increasing their efforts to fulfil the Convention's obligations and its aims as soon as possible.

14. The Oslo Declaration on a Mine-Free World 2019 provided an important vehicle for representatives of States Parties to the Convention to recommit to the implementation of the Convention. At this stage in the life of the Convention it is more important than ever. Any suggestions concerning the political declaration to be adopted at the Fifth Review Conference can be emailed to the ISU isu@apminebanconvention.org by 28 June 2024.

II. Initial timeline for the development of documents, deadlines

15. The three substantive documents will be developed within a timeline that will allow the Review Document to inform the Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan and, subsequently, the Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan to inform the political declaration. In doing so, the Presidency will aim to observe the following key dates and deadlines.

End - April	A first informal draft of the Review Document will be circulated to all States Parties.
21 May	Deadline for submission of initial written input to the Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan from States Parties and other stakeholders.
20 June	The First Preparatory Meeting for the Fifth Review Conference will provide an opportunity to share views and comments on an outline of the Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan, the informal draft of the Review Document and elements for a political declaration.
28 June	Deadline for submission of initial written input to the political declaration
End July	Draft documentation for the Second Preparatory Meeting circulated to all States Parties, including: Final Review Document Draft Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan Draft Political Declaration
18 September	Second Preparatory Meeting. States Parties and other stakeholders invited to share their views on the Final Review Document, the Draft Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan and Draft political declaration.
Early October	Deadline for submission of documents to the United Nations.