Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction

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Purpose:

"To put an end to the suffering and casualties caused by anti-personnel mines."

Addressing existing suffering
Preventing future suffering
Universalizing prohibitions
Destroying stockpiles
Clearing mined areas
Assisting the survivors

AP Mine Ban Convention

Cooperation & assistance
Ensuring compliance
Transparency
Implementation Support

...other matters essential for achieving the Convention's aims

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Four core aims, four other matters…

Universalization: progress

- 156 States have ratified / acceded
- 164 States accepted 2008 UNGA resolution
- 70% of States that at one time produced have accepted that they will never again do so
- New use of AP mines stigmatized & rare
- Several States not parties have indicated their willingness to consider accession
- Successive Convention Presidents have attached a high priority to universalization
Universalization: progress and challenges

End of year
Number of States that have ratified or acceded
Number of States that have not ratified or acceded

AP Mine Ban Convention: 39 States not parties

Armenia  Mongolia
Azerbaijan  Morocco
Bahrain  Myanmar (Burma)
China  Nepal
Cuba  Oman
Egypt  Pakistan
Finland  Poland
Georgia  Russian Federation
India  Saudi Arabia
Iran  Singapore
Israel  Somalia
Kazakhstan  Sri Lanka
Korea, DPR of  Syrian Arab Republic
Korea, Republic of  Tonga
Kyrgyzstan  Tuvalu
Laos  United Arab Emirates
Lebanon  United States of America
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya  Uzbekistan
Marshall Islands  Vietnam
Micronesia, Fed. States of

The ISU provides information on the Convention, its status and its operations at national and regional workshops intended to increase understanding of the Convention by States not parties. Such a workshop in the Nicosia in 2003 assisted Cyprus in taking the decision to ratify the Convention.
Universalization: challenges

- 39 States not parties
- Little new use in recent years, but...
- ...several perceive that they derive utility from previously emplaced mines and...
- ...some remain ready to use mines.
- Millions of mines likely stockpiled.
- Armed non-State actors continue to use anti-personnel mines.

Stockpile Destruction

- Each State Party “undertakes to destroy or ensure the destruction of all stockpiled anti-personnel mines it owns or possesses, or that are under its jurisdiction or control, as soon as possible but not later than four years after the entry into force of this Convention for that State Party.”

- States Parties may retain “a number of anti-personnel mines for the development of and training in mine detection, mine clearance, or mine destruction techniques.” This number “shall not exceed the minimum number absolutely necessary” for these purposes.
Stockpile Destruction: progress

- 2004: 128 States Parties without stockpiled mines
- 2009: 152 States Parties without stockpiled mines
- 2004: 16 States Parties in the process of destroying stockpiled mines
- 2009: 4 States Parties in the process of destroying stockpiled mines
- 2004: Approximately 37 million mines destroyed
- 2009: Over 42.2 million mines destroyed

Graph showing the number of States Parties in different categories from 2004 to 2009.
Stockpile Destruction: challenges

- At the 8MSP, “it was noted that while the number of States Parties which must fulfil
  Article 4 obligations is small, serious challenges remain.”
- In June 2008, “it was noted that these challenges are even more profound than
  initially anticipated and expressed at the 8MSP.”
- “The failure by Belarus, Greece and Turkey to comply with the obligations contained
  in Article 4 by their deadlines represents a matter of serious concern.”
- “Three States Parties, Equatorial Guinea, Gambia and Haiti, that are assumed to not
  possess stockpiled anti-personnel mines, remain overdue in submitting an initial
  transparency report.”
- “One State Party, Cape Verde, (…) is overdue in providing an initial transparency
  report to clarify the types and quantities of mines destroyed after entry into force.”

Mine Clearance

- "Mined area" means an area which is dangerous due to the presence or suspected presence of mines.
- Each State Party shall report all mined areas containing AP mines.
- Each State Party reporting mined areas must, as soon as possible or no later than 10 years after entry into force for that State Party, render these areas no longer dangerous due to the presence or suspected presence of AP mines.
- If a State Party believes it will be unable to do this, it may request an extension.
### Mine Clearance: progress

#### 2004
- 50 States Parties reported mined areas
- 4 of these 50 States Parties reported implementation complete
- Little information on when which States Parties would be next to complete
- No means to declare / report “completion”
- A sense that it may take decades to clear perceived massive amounts of mined areas
- Little information on the nature, extent and location of implementation challenges
- No process of handling requests submitted under Article 5

#### 2009
- 52 States Parties reported mined areas
- 11 of these States Parties reported implementation complete
- Little information on when which States Parties would be next to complete
- No means to declare / report “completion”
- Model declaration adopted to voluntarily report completion
- A sense that it may take decades to clear perceived massive amounts of mined areas
- Recommendations on the use full range of practical methods to release areas
- Little information on the nature, extent and location of implementation challenges
- Detailed information provided by some on progress made and the remaining challenge
- No process of handling requests submitted under Article 5
- Process agreed to and methods for “analysis” developed and used
Promise to survivors

The States Parties “(wish) to do their utmost in providing assistance for the care and rehabilitation, including the social and economic reintegration of mine victims.”

Each State Party in a position to do so shall provide assistance for the care and rehabilitation, and social and economic reintegration, of mine victims.”

Victim Assistance: progress

Prior to 2004

- Victim assistance not treated with the same seriousness or precision as other measures
- Ultimate responsibility not clearly specified
- Unclear what the main focus of attention should be
- Victim assistance not measurable
- NGO critiques not based on a baseline or anything measurable
- Five years of work resulted in key conclusions drawn by the States Parties
## Victim Assistance: progress

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## From Nairobi to Cartagena and beyond…

- **2004**
  - Image: Nairobi road sign

- **2009**
  - Image: Cartagena street scene
Cartagena Summit

- November 29 / 30 to December 4, 2009
- Review progress made 10 years after entry into force
- Establish a concrete action plan for years to come
- Special emphasis on women, men, boys & girls who have fallen victim to mines
- Reinvigorate interest: the job is not yet done
- Participation at highest possible level

Thank you!