Towards Cartagena: the Second Review Conference

- Recording Progress
- Facing our challenges
- Identifying new opportunities

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Progress & Achievements

- 10 years after EIF the Convention remains a vibrant, collaborative and action-oriented framework
- Adherence continues to increase
- As the primary international norm... affects all States
- Continues to mobilise commitment & resources and to produce clearance results
- Vast majority of stockpile destruction deadlines met
Risk reduction – more flexible and integrated approaches

Victim assistance efforts more concrete and contextualised

Has inspired similar efforts: ERW and cluster munitions

Facing Our Challenges

- Victim Assistance – difficult to assess, measure progress nationally, globally
- Clearance – 15 of 19 States with 2009 deadlines required extensions
- Stockpile destruction – 3 States with 6 million mines failed to meet 2008 deadline
- Resources for implementation
- Fewer new States Parties in recent years
- Clarity on aspects of article 1, 2 & 3
Identifying New Opportunities

- Cartagena as an invitation to new States
- Victim Assistance – promote concrete national commitments, engagement & time bound plans
- Clearance – refocus on “as soon as possible” obligation instead of deadlines
- Stockpile destruction – resolve existing compliance problems by Cartagena

- Revitalise resource mobilisation efforts
- Clarify expectations of SPs on mines retained
- Develop synergies with Convention on Cluster Munitions and ERW Protocol regimes