The Nairobi Summit on a Mine-Free World: Update on Preparations

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Seminar on Military and Humanitarian Issues Surrounding the Ottawa Convention
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The Nairobi Summit: Timing & Location

Article 12 (1): “A Review Conference shall be convened by the Secretary-General of the United Nations five years after the entry into force of this Convention.”

Fifth Meeting of the States Parties: “The meeting agreed to hold the Convention’s First Review Conference at the United Nations facilities in Nairobi from 29 November to 3 December 2004 with a high-level segment at the end of the Conference.”
The Nairobi Summit: Participation

**Article 12 (1):**
“All States Parties (...) shall be invited....“

**Article 12 (3):**
“States not parties (...), as well as the United Nations, other relevant international organizations or institutions, regional organizations, the (ICRC), and relevant non-governmental organizations may be invited (...) as observers.”
The Nairobi Summit: Purpose

Article 12:

- “to review the operation and status of this Convention”
- “to adopt, if necessary, conclusions related to the implementation of this Convention”
- “consider the need for and the interval between further meetings of the States Parties”
- “to take decisions on submissions of States Parties as provided for in Article 5”
The Nairobi Summit:
A plan for outputs

Decisions / Actions
- A final report containing the decisions and actions on the basis of key documents.

The Review
- A comprehensive Review assessing the progress in the pursuit of the Convention’s core humanitarian aims.

Conclusions
- Conclusions, if necessary, related to the implementation of this Convention

Meetings
- A document containing
  - (a) a plan for future MSPs;
  - (b) matters related to a future intersessional work programme
  - (c) the approximate timing of the Second Review Conference.
- (d) related matters (e.g. Implementation Support Unit, Coordinating Committee)

Declaration
- A concise, powerful political declaration adopted at the high level segment of the Conference

A process to...

- Encourage States Parties regionally to identify challenges / actions.

- Encourage high-level participation.

- Urge further acceptance of the Convention in time for Nairobi.
The Nairobi Summit: High level encouragement – Mar. 1

- Announcement that President Mwai Kibaki will personally invite other world leaders.
The Nairobi Summit: Support from the United Nations

- UN Secretary General Kofi Annan pledged the full support of the UN-System for the Nairobi Summit
- will urge governments to participate at the highest possible level at the high-level segment of the Conference.
The Nairobi Summit: Next Steps

February 9-13:
Standing Committee meetings + First Preparatory Meeting

June 21-29:
Standing Committee meetings + Second Preparatory Meeting

November 29 – December 3:
Nairobi Summit on a Mine Free World – First Review Conf.

January to June: Regional activities in almost every region of the world

Last week of Sept.:
One-day informal meeting to discuss draft documentation
The Nairobi Summit: An opportunity…

- ... to bring the landmine issue back into the public’s consciousness

- ...to renew commitments to successfully implement the Convention.

- ...to further seize the responsibility to clear mined areas and assist victims.

- ...to establish a concrete action plan to fulfill the Convention’s aims between 2005 and 2009.

- ...to increase acceptance of the Convention.
Message of the Nairobi Summit: *The Convention is working*…

- 141 States have accepted the Convention.
- Use, production and transfer of AP mines now rare.
- More than 31 million stockpiled mines destroyed.
- Major strides have been made in clearing mined areas.
- The number of new mine victims has fallen dramatically.
Message of the Nairobi Summit: 
...more needs to be done!

- The ongoing plight of landmine survivors still requires the attention of the international community.

- The elimination of anti-personnel mines must remain on the agenda of world leaders.

- Important states remain outside of the Convention.

- Any use of anti-personnel mines must be condemned.
The Nairobi Summit: Prepare now!

**States Parties:**
- Ensure plans are in place to fulfill Article 4 & Article 5 obligations and that these plans are communicated.
- Submit transparency reports no later than 30 April.

**States not parties:**
- Take steps towards acceptance of the Convention.
- Submit a voluntary transparency report.

**All States:**
- Ensure relevant officials consider participation at the highest possible level.
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