Mechanisms to Exchange Information

Progress in meeting the aims of the Ottawa Convention in South Eastern Europe
The 2004 Reay Group Workshop
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Fifth Meeting of the States Parties

The States Parties:

“expressed their will to continue to focus with greater clarity in the period leading to the First Review Conference, on those areas most directly related to the core humanitarian aims of the Convention.”
Fifth Meeting of the States Parties

The States Parties welcomed that:

“prior to the Convention’s First Review Conference, even more priority should be placed on providing (States Parties) with sufficient opportunities to share information on their problems, plans, progress and priorities for assistance.”
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- Annual Reports 30 April
- Initial Reports 28 August
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Article 7 Reporting: An Obligation

- National implementation measures
- Stockpiled AP mines
- Mined areas
- AP mines retained / transferred under Article 3
- Programmes to convert / decommission production facilities
- Programmes to destroy stocks / clear mined areas
- AP mines destroyed / cleared
- Technical characteristics of AP mines previously produced
- Measures to warn populations in mined areas

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**Article 7 Reporting: An Opportunity**

- “An important tool to measure progress in the implementation.”
- A means “for mine-affected States Parties to communicate their needs to other States Parties.
- “States parties may wish to use the opportunity to provide ‘supplementary information’ in the article 7 reporting format.”
- Form J “can serve as an important voice for States parties in elaborating challenges in meeting the needs of landmine survivors.”

**Intersessional Programme: An Opportunity**

- A committee structure which mirrors the Convention’s core aims.
- An emphasis on opportunities for participation by mine-affected States Parties & those destroying stockpiles.
- An informal exchange of information – not formal decision making bodies.
- A sponsorship programme to facilitate participation of those who need assistance.
- An Implementation Support Unit to provide advice / assistance.
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- Tues. 10 Feb.: 15h to 18h, General Status and Operation of the Convention
- Wed. 11 Feb.: 10h to 13h, Victim Assistance
- Thurs. 12 Feb.: 15h to 18h, Victim Assistance
- Fri. 13 Feb.: 10h to 13h, General Status and Operation of the Convention

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**Plans for assistance**
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## Exchanging Information: Conclusions

- The Review Conference is intended to look backwards (to review) and forwards (to take further action).
- Accomplishing these tasks effectively is impossible without the information and views of the States Parties.
- Both informal and formal information exchange mechanisms are available to the States Parties.
- Maximizing these mechanisms will help the States Parties take full ownership over defining challenges and establishing an action plan.
Va multumim!