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

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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: 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: Expectations

- Not just a “Review” Conference but also forward-looking
- Focus on the core aims (victim assistance, mine-clearance, stockpile destruction, universalization)
- Preparation process needs to be inclusive and transparent
- Final documentation should be clear and concretely focused
- The result should be a strong political message: Let’s finish the job!
### The Nairobi Summit: A plan for outputs

**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.

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

**Meetings**
- A document containing:
  1. A plan for future MSPs;
  2. Matters related to a future intersessional work programme;
  3. The approximate timing of the Second Review Conference;
  4. Related matters (e.g. Implementation Support Unit, Coordinating Committee).

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

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### The Nairobi Summit: Process launched 2-3 Dec. 2003

**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:
April 16: United Nations’ support

○ UN Secretary General Kofi Annan pledges the full support of the UN system for the Nairobi Summit

○ UN Secretary General will urge participation at the highest possible level in the Nairobi Summit high-level segment.
The Nairobi Summit: Jan.-Jun: Regional preparations

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The Nairobi Summit:
Next Steps

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

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

Nov. 29 – Dec. 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…*

- 142 States have accepted the Convention.
- Use, production and transfer of AP mines by those that haven’t accepted the Convention 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: Northern & Eastern Europe – Prepare now!

**States Parties:**
- Implement plans to fulfill stockpile destruction obligations.
- Recommit (politically, financially) to finish the job.

**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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