

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: 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.”



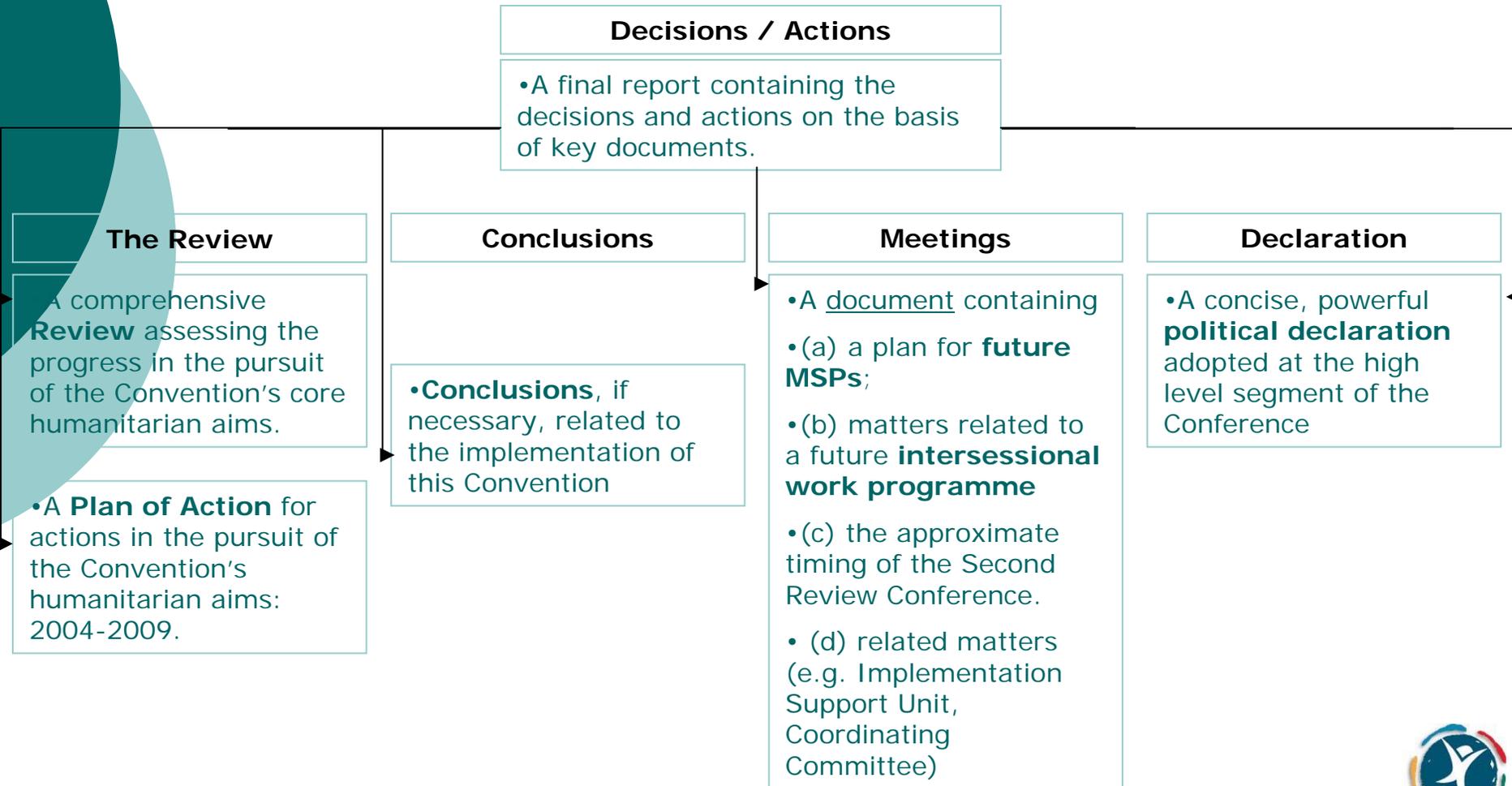
The Nairobi Summit: Purpose

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



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.

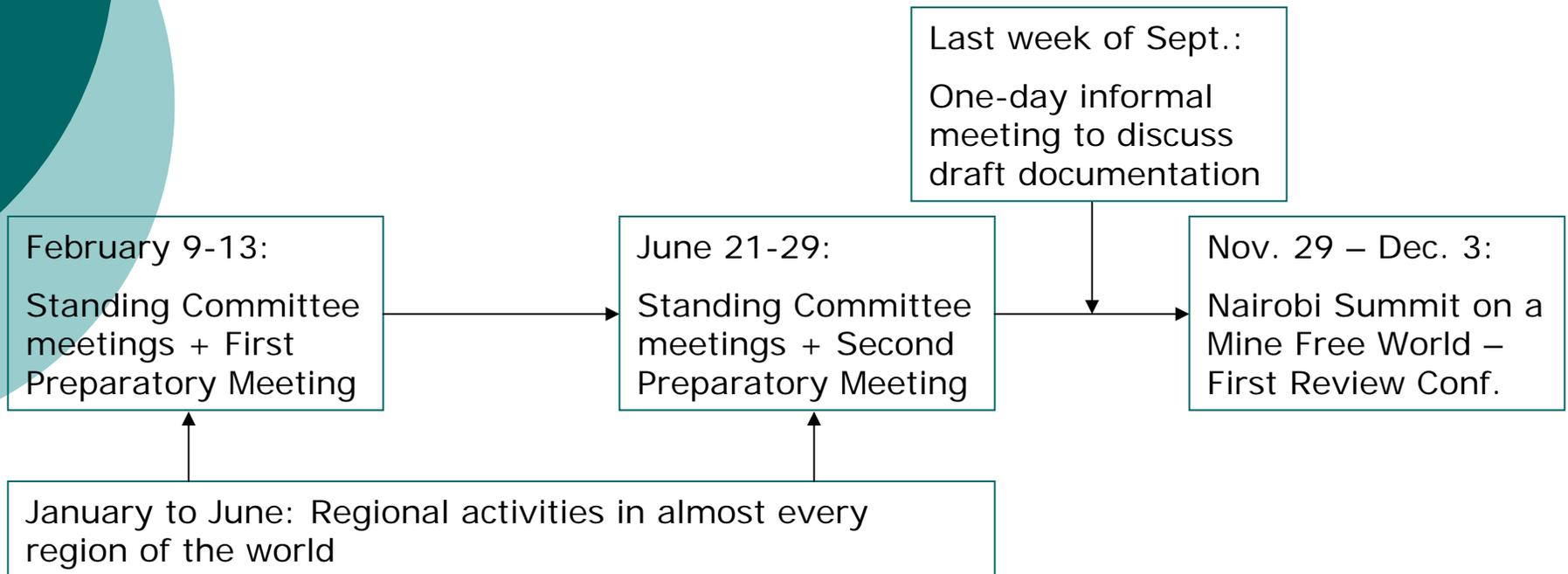


The Nairobi Summit: Support from the United Nations

- 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



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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