



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

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The Nairobi Summit

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”**



The Nairobi Summit: 5MSP Decisions

- The First Review Conference to be held in Nairobi, Kenya, 29 November to 3 December 2004
- 2 preparatory meetings to be held in Geneva
- Kenya to designate a Secretary General
- A high level segment at the end of the Conference and participation urged at highest possible level
- Ambassador Wolfgang Petritsch agreed to as President-Designate of the Review 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"

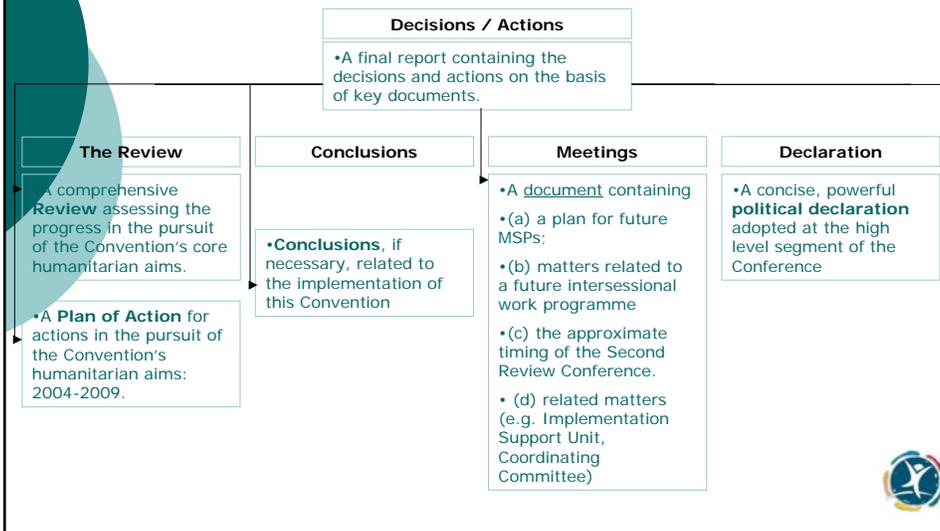


The Nairobi Summit: Expectations

- Not just a “Review” Conference but also forward-looking
- Focus on the core humanitarian objectives (victim assistance, mine-clearance, stockpile destruction, universalization)
- Preparation process needs to be inclusive and transparent
- Final documentation should be concise and to the point
- The result should be a strong political message:
Let’s finish the job!



The Nairobi Summit: A plan for documentation

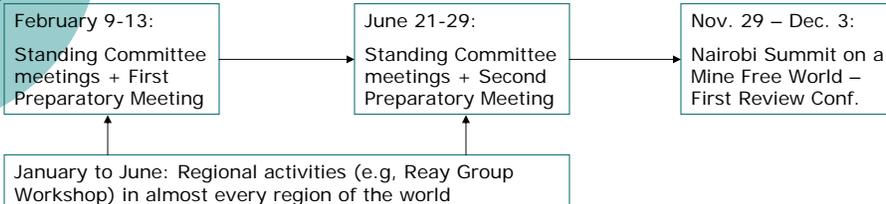


The Nairobi Summit: Preparatory Process

- Transparency and inclusiveness are essential requirements for a successful Conference
- Any State Party or relevant organization is invited to participate in and contribute to the process
- Friends of the President requested to assist President Designate in substantive preparation
- Canada, Mozambique, Nicaragua and Norway: To facilitate the Review, Plan of Action and Conclusions
- Germany and Malaysia: To facilitate the discussions about "Future Meetings" and related matters



The Nairobi Summit: Next Steps



The Nairobi Summit: Communicating the message

The Convention is working; more needs to be done!

- Astonishing progress since entry into force.
- 141 States have accepted the Convention.
- Almost 31 million stockpiled mines destroyed.
- Major strides have been made in clearing mined areas.
- The number of new mine victims has fallen dramatically.



The Nairobi Summit: Communicating the message

The Convention is working; more needs to be done!

- More needs to be done to end the suffering caused by this weapon.
- 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.



The Nairobi Summit: Prepare now!

High level representatives will be asked to do the following:

- o to renew their political and financial commitment to continue to eliminate anti-personnel mines and implement the Convention.
- o Mine-affected States Parties to further seize their responsibilities to clear mines and assist victims.
- o to establish a concrete Plan of Action to fulfill the Convention's aims between 2004 and 2009



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Thank you!

