

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”**

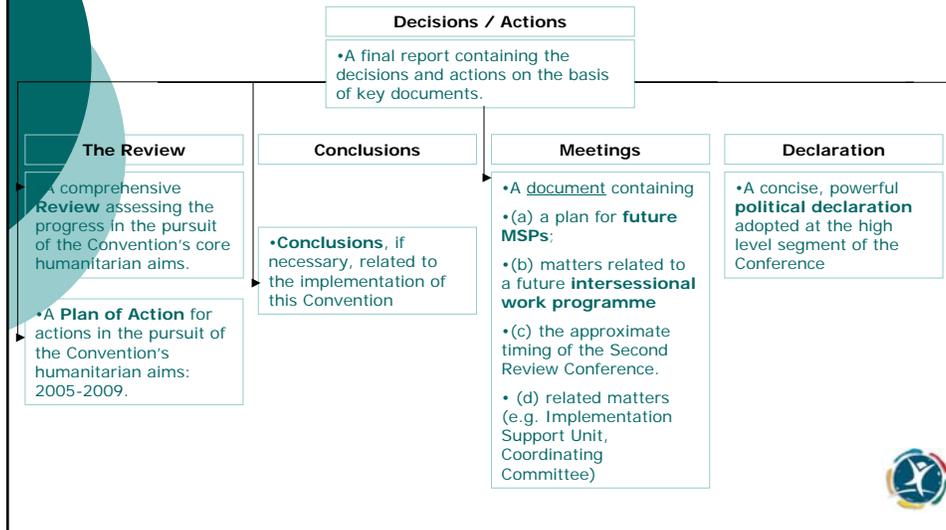


The Nairobi Summit: Expectations

- **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 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.**



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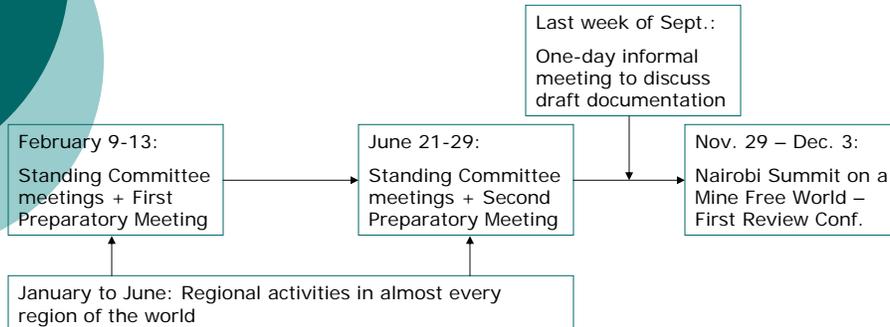


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The Nairobi Summit: Next Steps



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...*

- 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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