IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICES (IEDs)

Food-for-Thought Paper

Questions for States Parties

The questions below are intended to stimulate a maximum number of delegations affected by IEDs to share information in the APII Group of Expert’s Session on Improvised Explosive Devices. The questions are not meant to be exhaustive, but to provide examples of potentially interesting topics for the session and to focus and streamline the discussion of the Expert Group.

CASUALTIES

1. Has your country experienced casualties caused by IEDs – be they military personnel, civilians, or both?
   a. Does your country differentiate and record casualties caused by IEDs (i.e. are all casualties caused by explosions simply referred to as “bombs” or “terrorist bombings” or are they broken down into categories such as IEDs, UXO, AXO etc ?)
   b. Is data collected on where such incidents take place (i.e. distinguishing between the use of IEDs on roads or in towns and cities?)
   c. Are there examples of IED use that would contravene Art 7(3) on their use in cities, towns, villages or other concentrations of civilians in which combat between ground forces is not taking place or does not appear imminent?
   d. Is your government able to share such information at the Meeting of Experts?

   GOAL: Obtaining a clearer picture about the magnitude of the problem by sharing information on casualties and the context in which they occurred.

PREVENTION

2. Has your country taken any measures to prevent the use of IEDs by regulating key elements in the supply chain?

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a. Are there measures in place to prevent military and other materials from falling into the hands of non-state armed actors? (for instance to limit or monitor access to explosives?)
b. Are there measures in place for specific stockpile management and stockpile security measures in order to prevent non-state armed actors from being able IEDs?
c. Are there measures in place to control transfer or access to other technologies that might be used in the construction of IEDs, including dual-use technologies?

GOAL: Focus on the supply side, discuss concrete preventive measures that have worked.

PROTECTION OF CIVILIANS

3. Has your country taken any measures to protect the civilian population against IEDs?

a. Are there awareness raising activities (for instance modules in Mine Risk Education Programmes) to warn and educate civilians about the IED threat?
b. Are there instances in which the civilian population was warned of any emplacement of IEDs or in which armed forces shared information in order to protect civilians from IEDs?
c. Has your country shared information regarding IED use with the UN (UNMAS) and other affected States?

GOAL: Focus on concrete measures to avoid civilian populations from becoming victims of IEDs.

VICTIM ASSISTANCE

4. Does your country face specific challenges for assisting IED victims?

a. Are there common patterns of injury associated with IEDs (e.g. traumatic brain injury?)
b. Are there examples of IED use in your region that were designed or of a nature to cause superfluous injury or unnecessary suffering and that might result in specific needs by the victims (in emergency phase or later)?
c. Does your country run dedicated programmes for re-integration and economic inclusion of IED victims?

GOAL: Exploring common patterns of injury and look at specific needs when assisting victims of IEDs.

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