Protocol V Meeting of Experts – Annotated Programme of Work

Wednesday 10 April, 10:00am, Conference Room XIX

Opening of the Meeting of Experts by President-designate of the Seventh Conference, Ambassador Jan Knutsson of Sweden

Session on Cooperation and Assistance and Requests for Assistance led by Coordinator, Mr. Yevgen Lisuchenko of Ukraine

Key issues on cooperation and assistance:
- Continue to receive updates from affected States on their needs and challenges in dealing with ERW.
- To receive updates from donor States on their plans for assisting affected States with ERW in 2013.
- Small group meeting of affected States with a special invitation extended to donor countries to discuss:
  - Priorities and challenges of affected States;
  - Whether affected States have national plans in place on clearance and victim assistance; and
  - What can be done to enhance this work under Protocol V?

The small group meeting of affected States with invited donor States will take place in Conference Room XXV.

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Session on Generic Preventive Measures led by Coordinator, Brigadier General Mario Amadei of Italy

Key issues on generic preventive measures:
- All States which have not yet reported on their implementation of Article 9 and the Technical Annex (Part 3) are strongly encouraged to make a presentation or statement on these matters.
- The focus of this year’s safe storage discussions will be on the storage of ammunition in industrial sites. In particular, do the same rules that apply to the storage of ammunition at a military site also apply to ammunition stored at industrial sites?
- What progress has been made by States towards implementing the International Ammunition Technical Guidelines (IATGs)? What challenges and lessons learnt have States encountered in implementing the IATGs? Is it possible to assess how the IATGs have contributed to the safer management of munitions? And what more can be done to promote the implementation of the IATGs?

If time permits, the session on generic preventive measures will be followed by an informal meeting of military experts and affected States in Conference Room XXV.
Thursday 11 April, 10:00am, Conference Room XIX

Session on National Reporting led by Coordinator, Major Aviateur Lode Dewaegheneire of Belgium

Key issues on national reporting:

(a) The meeting of Experts in 2013 to continue its examination of the reporting forms and the Guide to National Reporting and in particular to examine the potential overlap between Forms E and F. As you will be aware, Form E addresses Article 7 on existing ERW (that is ERW which existed before the entry into force of Protocol V on 12 November 2006). It provides an opportunity for affected States to set out their challenges and needs and for donor States to record the assistance they are providing on this specific matter. Whereas Form F on Article 8 allows States to record the different types of assistance and overall amount of resources they are contributing to dealing with the problems posed by ERW. Do States find the difference between Forms E and F confusing or unnecessary? Is it necessary for reporting purposes to distinguish between Articles 7 and 8?

(b) The Coordinator on National Reporting with the assistance of the CCW Implementation Support Unit to consider how to encourage High Contracting Parties to report on their obligations relating them clearly as required with the national reporting form.

Following the discussion on National Reporting, the discussions on Article 4 will commence. These will be led by Friend of the Coordinator, Colonel Gerfried Elias of Germany.

Key issues on Article 4:

- What measures has your State taken to record and retain information on the use of explosive ordnance or abandonment of explosive ordnance during an armed conflict and transmission of information pursuant to the provisions of Article 4?
- What steps have been taken by your State to issue appropriate instructions and operating procedures to their armed forces and to provide training to their personnel pursuant to the provisions of Article 11;
- How are the obligations of Article 4 of Protocol V reflected in national and alliance documents/orders?
- Does your State's participation in alliances/coalitions impact in any way on your armed forces procedures to record, retain and transmit information on the use or abandonment of explosive ordnance?
- How is coordination carried out on Article 4 when your State's armed forces are participating in an alliance/coalition?

Thursday 11 April - 1:15pm, Conference Room XXV
Informal meeting on victim assistance to discuss the promotion of the Protocol V Plan of Action

Key questions:

- What role does and should the CCW Protocol V play with regard to victim assistance?
- What aspects of the CCW Protocol V Plan of Action on victim assistance require further attention?
- What more can be done to encourage a culture of implementation on victim assistance under Protocol V?
- What more can be done to promote the Plan of Action among the wider CCW community?

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3:00 to 4:00pm: Continuation of the discussions on Article 4.

Session on surveillance, marking, clearance and destruction of ERW to be led by Coordinator, Mr. Ivan Grinevich

A special invitation has been extended to the participants attending the Sixteenth International Meeting of National Mine Action Programme Directors and UN Advisors to participate in the session on clearance.

4:00 to 6:00pm: Discussion on surveillance, marking, clearing and destroying ERW:

- Updates on the surveillance and clearance of ERW; and
- Special focus on capacity building: Both affected and donor States are encouraged to share their experiences on capacity building.
  - What capacity building activities have been carried out?
  - Have these been successful?
  - If not, what challenges have been encountered?
  - Has there been follow-up on the capacity building exercises? And what lessons have been learnt?
- Special focus on existing ERW:
  - If you represent a State affected by existing ERW, does your government have reliable data on: (a) the extent of the contamination, (b) where the ERW is located, and (c) what type of explosives and munitions caused the ERW?
  - What are the reasons for existing ERW being a persistent problem on your State’s territory?
  - Has your government evaluated the long term impact of existing ERW?
  - Which government agency or department is responsible for dealing with existing ERW?
  - What resources are available for the clearance of existing ERW?
  - If a civilian finds a piece of existing ERW, would he or she know who to notify to ensure that the ERW is cleared and destroyed?
From the work carried out under Protocol V, what do you consider to be important to support States affected by existing ERW? What more could be done under Protocol V to support affected States?

Friday 12 April, 10:00am, Conference Room XIX

**Session on Victim Assistance** led by Coordinator, Mr. Fernando Guzman of Chile and Friend of the Coordinator, Ms. Caroline Wöergöetter of Austria

Key issues on victim assistance:

- How could assistance to victims in accordance with Article 8(2) of Protocol V and the Plan of Action on Victim Assistance be further improved?
- How could victim assistance in the area of social and economic integration be strengthened?
- What challenges do States that have victims and/or provide assistance face in the area of social and economic integration?
- What are areas in which High Contracting Parties would wish to informally exchange experiences and practices of Protocol V with regard to victim assistance with other relevant international legal instruments?
- What more can be done to promote the Plan of Action on Victim Assistance across the CCW regime?