Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction

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Universalizing the Convention;
Transparency and the exchange of information

Activities and Priorities for Implementation for 2026-2027[*],[**]

Submitted by the President of the Twenty-Third Meeting of the States Parties

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1. This document summarises the principal activities undertaken by the President during 2026 and identifies priorities requiring sustained attention through 2027. The activities focused on coordination, compliance, reporting, universalization, preparations for the Twenty-Third Meeting of the States Parties, and the financial sustainability of the Convention's implementation architecture. The priorities below translate lessons from these activities into areas for continued action.

I. Activities of the President

2. In accordance with the President's mandate to chair the Coordinating Committee, the President chaired eight Coordinating Committee meetings between January and October 2026, including a full-day retreat on 6 February 2026. These meetings provided a regular forum for coordinating the work of the Convention's office holders and aligning preparations for key implementation activities during the year.

3. In accordance with the President's mandate to chair the Committee on Cooperative Compliance, the President chaired seven meetings of the Committee on Cooperative Compliance and further coordinated the work of the Committee in accordance with the activities and priorities for implementation of the Committee contained in the document submitted by the Committee to the Twenty-Second Meeting of the States Parties (22MSP).

4. On 26 March 2026, the President and the Committees of the Convention hosted a workshop to support timely and substantive annual reporting by States Parties. The workshop recalled the 30 April deadline for submitting Article 7 reports, encouraged States Parties to provide detailed quantitative and qualitative information on the implementation of their Article 5 commitments in line with the Guide to Reporting, and highlighted key reporting

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areas under the newly adopted Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan. A checklist was also disseminated to support States Parties' reporting efforts.

5. From 15 to 18 June 2026, the President chaired the Intersessional Meetings. In preparation, the President promoted coordination among the Convention's Committees and submitted Preliminary Observations on Stockpile Destruction and the Retention of Anti-Personnel Mines, in accordance with her mandate. These steps helped consolidate the Committees' contributions and focus discussion on key implementation issues.

6. In collaboration with the Coordinating Committee, the President worked with the Presidents of the Twenty-Second Meeting of the States Parties (Japan) and the Twenty-Fourth Meeting of the States Parties (Belgium) to convene informal consultations with United Nations Member States in Geneva and New York. The consultations concerned the draft United Nations General Assembly resolution on the implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction and took place ahead of the Resolution's submission.

7. The President coordinated preparations for the Twenty-Third Meeting of the States Parties, to be held in Geneva, Switzerland, from 30 November to 4 December 2026. As part of these preparations, the President convened an informal meeting on 1 October 2026 to advance the organisational and substantive work required for the Meeting.

8. In line with the President's mandate to promote implementation and universalization of the Convention and its norms, including in relevant multilateral and regional fora, as well as at the national level, the President carried out the following efforts:

(a) The President convened four meetings of the Universalization Coordination Group to share information on universalization efforts;

(b) On 2 June 2026, the President sent a letter to States not party to the Convention inviting them to participate as observers in the Intersessional Meetings, seeking clarification of their positions on accession, and requesting information on national measures supporting the objectives of the Convention;

(c) Throughout 2026, the President pursued direct outreach to States not party to the Convention, including Azerbaijan, Cuba, Kazakhstan, Micronesia, Morocco and Syria. Exchanges took place during the Intersessional Meetings, on the margins of the United Nations General Assembly and at other points during the year. To sustain attention and follow-up, the President also maintained universalization as a standing item on the agenda of Coordinating Committee meetings.

(d) The President will continue universalization outreach, including through engagements on the margins of the Twenty-Third Meeting of the States Parties.

9. In line with the President's mandate to mobilise sufficient resources for the operations of the Implementation Support Unit (ISU), the President chaired the Eleventh Annual Pledging Conference for the Implementation of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention on 9 March 2026. In response to the ISU's challenging financial situation, the President sent an appeal to all States Parties on 4 August 2026 requesting voluntary contributions to the ISU's 2026 Work Plan and Budget, engaged individually with traditional donor countries, and sent a further communication to traditional contributors on 25 September 2026 urging contributions to the ISU Voluntary Trust Fund.

10. In accordance with the President's mandate to take the lead on matters related to the UN assessed contributions received pursuant to Article 14 of the Convention, the President used the opportunity of the Pledging Conference, the Intersessional Meetings and Informal Meetings in preparation for the 23MSP to encourage States Parties to pay their assessed contributions as soon as possible and highlighted the continued importance of the payment of assessed contributions. The President also ensured that the matter of assessed contributions was a permanent agenda item of the Coordinating Committee meetings.

11. The President participated as observer within the Working Group established by the President of the Twenty-Second Meeting of the States Parties to explore the feasibility of establishing a voluntary trust fund to support States in their implementation of their Article 5 obligations.

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12. In accordance with the President's mandate to propose a new set of office holders for agreement by the forthcoming Meeting of the States Parties, the President invited expressions of interest from States Parties on 25 February 2026. At the Informal Preparatory Meeting for the Twenty-Third Meeting of the States Parties on 1 October 2026, the President presented a proposal for consideration at the Meeting. The proposal sought regional balance and representation among States Parties implementing key Convention obligations, States Parties able to provide financial or other assistance, and other States Parties.

II. Priorities for implementation

13. Promoting the implementation and universalization of the Convention and its norms should remain a central priority of the President. Recent developments highlight both opportunities to expand adherence and challenges that require sustained engagement. Building on existing efforts, continued collaboration among States Parties, regional and international organizations, and other relevant partners will be essential to advancing universalization objectives. In this regard, the Universalization Coordination Group can continue to play a valuable role in fostering coordination, maintaining momentum, and ensuring effective follow-up to outreach and engagement efforts.

14. With respect to Articles 3 and 4, continued attention should be given to supporting full compliance with Convention obligations. Encouraging States Parties that have not yet completed their Article 4 commitments to finalize the destruction of remaining stockpiled anti-personnel mines at the earliest opportunity remains important. Under Article 3, efforts could focus on promoting the timely submission of Article 7 transparency reports, facilitating regular reviews of retained mines to ensure that quantities remain limited to those strictly necessary for permitted purposes, and increasing awareness of alternatives to the use of live anti-personnel mines for training, research, and development activities.

15. Ensuring the effective functioning of the Convention's implementation architecture should remain a key area of focus. This includes encouraging broad and predictable financial support for the operation of the ISU and promoting the timely payment of assessed contributions to support the organization of Meetings of the States Parties by the United Nations in accordance with Article 14. Sustained and diversified support from States Parties will help safeguard the Convention's effectiveness and long-term sustainability.

16. Facilitating regular dialogue among the thematic Committees through Coordinating Committee meetings, while ensuring a comprehensive approach to the Convention's implementation, should remain a priority for the President. This includes ensuring that the Intersessional Meetings continue to serve as an important milestone in the lead-up to the Convention's formal meetings and that their format, as agreed by the Coordinating Committee, remains fit for purpose.

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