

Towards Cartagena: the Second Review Conference

- Recording Progress
- Facing our challenges
- Identifying new opportunities



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Progress & Achievements

- 10 years after EIF the Convention remains a vibrant, collaborative and action-oriented framework
- Adherence continues to increase
- As the primary international norm... affects all States
- Continues to mobilise commitment & resources and to produce clearance results
- Vast majority of stockpile destruction deadlines met



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- ▶ Risk reduction – more flexible and integrated approaches



- ▶ Victim assistance efforts more concrete and contextualised
- ▶ Has inspired similar efforts: ERW and cluster munitions



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Facing Our Challenges

- ▶ Victim Assistance – difficult to assess, measure progress nationally, globally
- ▶ Clearance – 15 of 19 States with 2009 deadlines required extensions
- ▶ Stockpile destruction – 3 States with 6 million mines failed to meet 2008 deadline
- ▶ Resources for implementation
- ▶ Fewer new States Parties in recent years
- ▶ Clarity on aspects of article 1, 2 & 3



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Identifying New Opportunities

- ▶ Cartagena as an invitation to new States
- ▶ Victim Assistance – promote concrete national commitments, engagement & time bound plans
- ▶ Clearance – refocus on “as soon as possible” obligation instead of deadlines
- ▶ Stockpile destruction – resolve existing compliance problems by Cartagena



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- ▶ Revitalise resource mobilisation efforts
- ▶ Clarify expectations of SPs on mines retained
- ▶ Develop synergies with Convention on Cluster Munitions and ERW Protocol regimes



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