

# The Nairobi Summit on a Mine-Free World: Update on Preparations

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# The Nairobi Summit: Timing & Location

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## 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: Participation

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## Article 12 (1):

“All States Parties (...) shall be invited....”

## Article 12 (3):

“States not parties (...), as well as the United Nations, other relevant international organizations or institutions, regional organizations, the (ICRC), and relevant non-governmental organizations may be invited (...) as observers.”



# The Nairobi Summit: Purpose

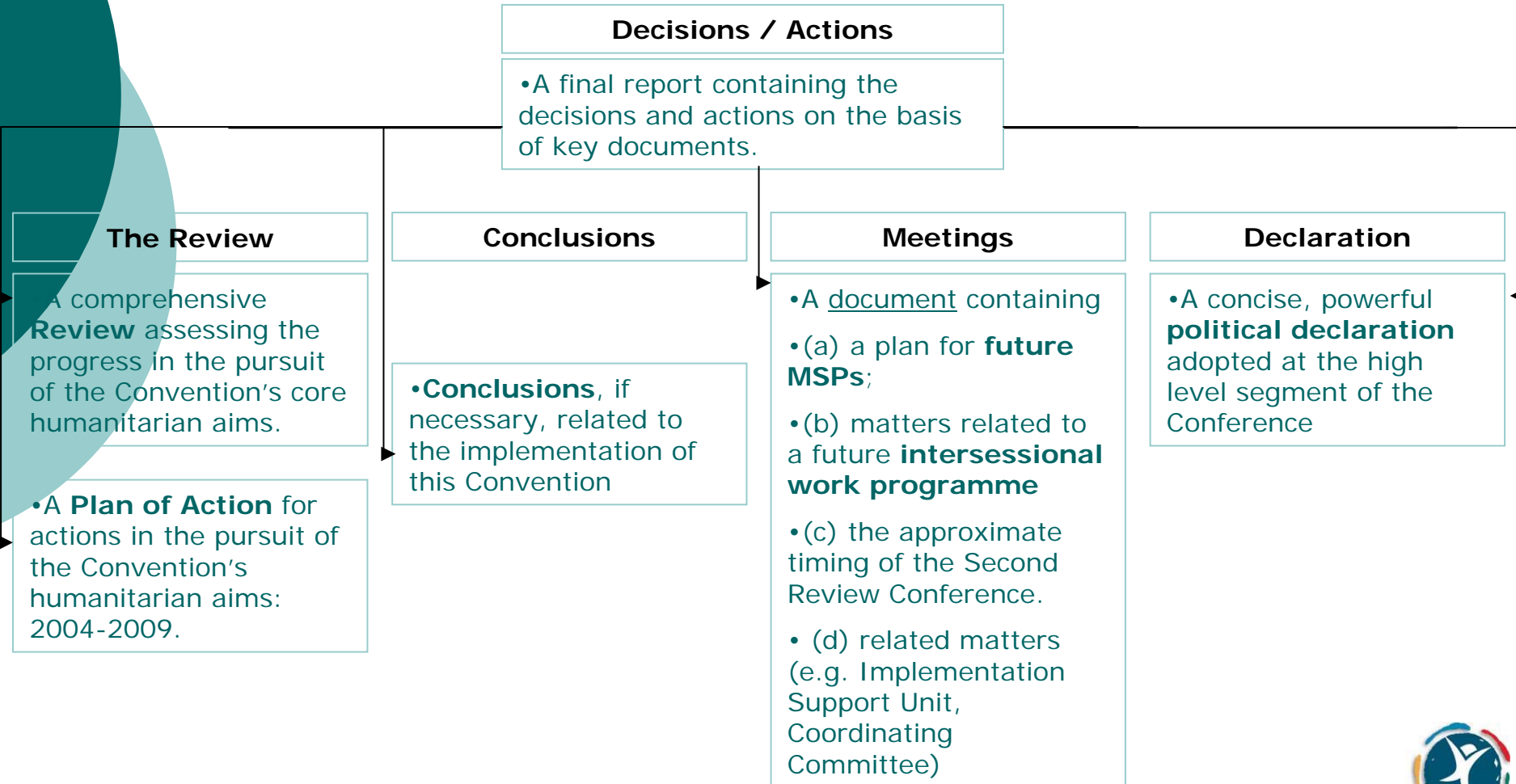
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## Article 12:

- “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: A plan for outputs



# The Nairobi Summit: Process launched 2-3 Dec. 2003

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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: Support from the United Nations

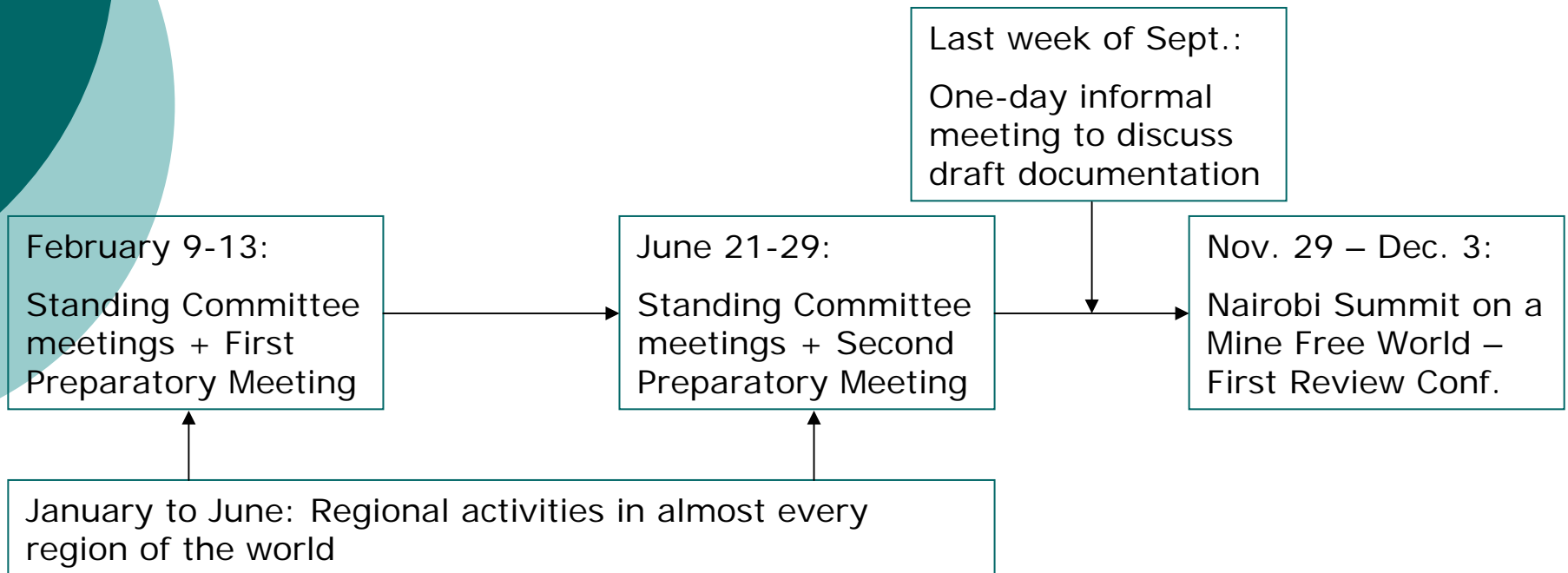
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- UN Secretary General Kofi Annan pledged the full support of the UN-System for the Nairobi Summit
- will urge governments to participate at the highest possible level at the high-level segment of the Conference.





# The Nairobi Summit: Next Steps



# The Nairobi Summit: An opportunity...

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- ... 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...*

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- **141 States have accepted the Convention.**
- **Use, production and transfer of AP mines 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!*

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- 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: Prepare now!

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## States Parties:

- Ensure plans are in place to fulfill Article 4 & Article 5 obligations and that these plans are communicated.
- Submit transparency reports no later than 30 April.

## 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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