

President's Summary
Coordinating Committee Meeting
April 10, 2002

I. May Standing Committee Meetings:

1. Preparation of the Agendas for the Standing Committee Meetings

The Chair reminded the Coordinating Committee of its intent to send by April 29th, a comprehensive packet of information to all States Parties and relevant organizations, which will enable participants to better prepare for the Standing Committee Meetings and urged the Co Chairs to advance quickly in the preparation of the agendas keeping in mind the Standing Committees on Victim assistance, Mine Clearance and Stockpile Destruction should follow a similar agenda format, focusing on status of implementation, assessment of needs including plans and progress of States, and matters of a thematic nature. Co Chairs informed on progress in the preparation of the Agendas.

2. Date for the Missions Briefing on the May Intersessional Week

It was decided that the Mission Briefing on the May Intersessional Week will take place on the morning of Wednesday, May 8th in the Palais of the United Nations.

3. Proposal to hold a Briefing to the Sponsored participants to the May Standing Committee Meetings

Canada expressed the proposal of the donors of the Sponsorship programme to hold an orientation briefing for the participants benefiting from this programme and other interested participants, as well as the idea to acquire reactions from Sponsored participants on the meetings. Most agreed that an orientation briefing for sponsored participants, new comers and even presenters on Monday prior to the beginning of the meetings would be beneficial.

II. Exchange on the Draft Non Paper on the Intersessional Work Programme:

A Draft Non Paper on the Intersessional Work Programme, circulated to the Coordinating Committee members, serves as a basis for discussion on the elements to be put forth for consideration of all States Parties and relevant actors in May regarding enhancements of the Intersessional Work Programme. The document was welcomed and some specific suggestions were made. A revised draft will be circulated by the Presidency April 19th.

III. Exchange of ideas on reporting

The Presidency circulated a preliminary set of questions on reporting to serve as a basis for discussion. Based on this exchange of ideas and further consultations, the Presidency will provide the Coordinating Committee with a concrete proposal on the matter in the upcoming weeks.

IV. Preparations for the Fourth Meeting of the States Parties

1. Update on obtaining revised cost estimates

The Presidency reported on its request that the DDA present revised cost estimates for the Fourth Meeting in order to distribute this in advance of the next meeting of the Standing Committee on the General Status and Operation of the Convention. In this respect, Belgium informed that the DDA had elaborated a new draft, however, after some discussion, it was felt that this new draft does not answer all of the concerns raised during the Standing Committee meeting on February 1st, particularly regarding the item on temporary assistance. It was agreed that further steps should be taken with the DDA to assure revised cost estimates that would be acceptable to States Parties by the next Intersessional Committee meetings.

V. Any other business.

The Chair thanked the Honduran Government for sponsoring the lunch.