

## **President's Summary of the Coordinating Committee Meeting August 21, 2002**

### **1. Update on the Standing Committees' final reports**

The Presidency thanked the UN Department of Disarmament Affairs (DDA) for its prompt work in translating and distributing the Final Reports. Pending Co-Chairs identification of any errors, a one-page corrigendum may be circulated by the DDA or these may be corrected in the Final Reports annexed to the 4MSP Final Report.

### **2. Update on Agenda item 16: Informal Consultations on international cooperation and assistance in accordance with Article 6**

Following previous Coordinating Committee discussions, Co-Chairs gave updates on the preparations for this agenda item during the 4MSP (on victim assistance, mine clearance and stockpile destruction) in an aim to make these segments more useful and relevant for States Parties and provide participants the opportunity to sufficiently prepare for these sessions. Also, the idea of the 4MSP Presidency initiate the item by setting the scene with a more general discussion on assistance and cooperation was considered appropriate. Further coordination would be required on this matter.

### **3. Update on the documentation for the 4MSP**

The President nominee updated on the preparation of the documentation for the 4MSP, drafts which has been circulated to all States Parties, including the Annotated Programme of Work, Actions for consideration by States Parties, the Paper on the Intersessional Work Programme, the Paper on Article 7 Reporting, the Final Declaration and the paper on a Preparatory Process for the Review Conference.

### **4. 4MSP "Rule 1.4" observers**

The Presidency recalled that article 1.4 of the Draft Rules of Procedure for the 4MSP states "others that have received an invitation from the Coordinating Committee of Co-Chairs may attend the Meeting of the States Parties as observers, subject to approval of the Meeting of States Parties." Here it was emphasized that these are only the observers subject to approval by the MSP. The list was reviewed and approved, except an ICBL member NGO, which would be informed to go through the normal registration process with ICBL. In this context, the UN DDA informed that the observers subject to article 1.3 had already been invited. Finally, Rule 1.2 refers to "relevant international organizations or institutions and regional organizations". Here, in addition to those already invited, it was suggested that the EC, ILO, WB, OAS, UNIDIR and PAHO also be invited in following with previous MSP practice.

### **5. Preparation for the Mission Briefing/Consultations for the 4MSP**

The agenda for the Informal Information Briefing on the 4MSP to be held on Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 15:00 in Room XII of the Palais has been circulated. It was suggested that the Co Chairs (Victim Assistance, Mine Clearance, Stockpile Destruction) be given the opportunity to provide some input regarding the Informal Segments, as there is little indication in the Agenda of what will transpire during those segments.

### **6. Update on the side events and logistics for the 4MSP**

Switzerland provided an update on the preparations for the 4MSP. ICBL informed that there would, for the first time, be an official press launch of Landmine Monitor 2002 in Geneva on Friday, 13 September.

### **7. Any other business**

It was reminded that the practice has been for the Co Chairs of the 4 Standing Committees to be nominated for the 8 positions of Vice Presidents called for by Rule 5 of the Rules of Procedure, which would be: Thailand, Norway, Canada, Honduras, Croatia, Australia, Germany and Yemen.