

**President's Summary of the Coordinating Committee Meeting**  
**Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**1. Implementation Support Unit (ISU):**

- a. Welcome the ISU Manager:
  - It was recalled that the GICHD and the Presidency circulated all of the documents referring to the ISU (Agreement between the States Parties and the GICHD, the Budget, the Draft Employment Contract, and the ISU President's Paper from the 3MSP). On Monday January 14<sup>th</sup> 2002 with the arrival of the Manager of the ISU, Kerry Brinkert, the Unit began its work. A letter informing all States Parties and other relevant actors that the ISU has begun functioning will be circulated by the GICHD and the Presidency this week.
  - Mr. Brinkert expressed his thoughts on the ISU highlighting his desire to hear from Coordinating Committee members on how the ISU can best service them as well as other States Parties.
- b. Brief exchange of ideas on the ISU:
  - Members of the Coordinating Committee (CC) welcomed the new Manager and expressed confidence that the ISU will enhance the work being carried out and provide for more continuity from Co Chair to Co Chair and more overall direction.

**2. Intersessional Work Programme**

- a. Update on the Agendas for the Intersessional Standing Committee (ISC) Meetings
  - The GICHD was thanked for its support in the distribution of the documents for the Intersessional Week and the CC discussed the week day by day.
  - The Co Chairs for the SC on Victim Assistance explained the updated Agenda, which was circulated and will be available shortly. There are three main types of Agenda items: first, an overview of recent efforts to promote both the ongoing effectiveness of the Standing Committee and a particular methodology and process for making a difference in affected countries; second, presentations to share with participants important information on the state of victim assistance around the world; third, an opportunity for discussions on various categories for action identified and used by ICBL Working Group on VA and Handicap International. There is also the opportunity for interventions on other matters where a speakers list will be established by the Co Chairs. Thailand informed of their willingness to speak to the South East Asia Regional Workshop.
  - The Co Chair for the SC on Mine Clearance, Related Technologies and Mine Awareness reiterated the focus on Afghanistan that this committee will have and expressed that as a result of suggestions from the last CC there will be a reference to Victim Assistance in that country. Also, it was recommended that the relevant points from the Tokyo Conference on Afghanistan be brought-up in this discussion.
  - The Co Chairs for the SC on Stockpile Destruction reiterated their intent to first focus on a Global overview of stockpile destruction, followed by three country presentations: Peru, Romania, Ecuador. Then, there will be focus on regional meetings and workshops, followed by a discussion on the future challenges for stockpile destruction including a follow up on the Albania NATO program and the PFM mine problem. The Co Chairs hope that participants are able to report on developments in their stockpile situations, as the lack of information is the biggest problem. The ICBL informed that the usual fact sheet on stockpile destruction will be available and the ICRC suggested cross-checking information for future work.
  - The Co Chairs for the SC on General Status and Operation of the Convention specified that their agenda is based on the President's Action Programme. Nicaragua will report on the

work of the CC, there will be a presentation on the ISU and the Sponsorship Programme and there will be updates provided on Universalization, Article 7, Operationalization on Article 8 and how to advance on this issue, as well as matters pertaining to Compliance Concerns. Likewise, matters pertaining to the interpretation of Article 1 (c.), article 9 and exchange of views related to article 2. Finally, preparations for the 4MSP will be discussed and closing remarks given by the Presidency.

- b. Any other issues related to the Intersessional Work Programme.
  - The CC members shared information on different events programmed for the week including the GICHD Reception on Tuesday evening, the Belgian Article 7 Contact Group on Wednesday lunchtime, the Canadian Universalization Group on Thursday lunchtime, a Central America donors working breakfast on Thursday morning, among others.
  - The Presidency informed that with the help of the ISU, the last Draft of the Final Documents has been made available by the UNDDA. These still require some corrections regarding administrative details.
  - The Presidency encouraged Co Chairs to produce immediately after each meeting, a short (1 page) and concise “Preliminary Report” summarizing the most salient points.
  - Several suggestions concerning the format of the SC formal reports were discussed and it was agreed that the issue would be discussed at depth shortly after the intersessional week.
  - A “Helpful Hints for Speakers” document was provided to Co Chairs who may wish to use this as a guideline to Standing Committee speakers. It was also suggested that the Co Chairs meet with the speakers in the morning to coordinate any pertinent matters.
- 3 **Any other business**
  - The idea of holding CC informal retreat type discussion on the direction of the intersessional programme of work, time allocation, etc., was presented.