

President's Summary of the Coordinating Committee Meeting June 26, 2002

1. Preparations of the Standing Committees' second meeting and final reports

The Presidency recalled the mid-June target date for the May Standing Committee reports and announced that the reports for Victim Assistance, Stockpile Destruction and General Status had been finalised with only one report pending. There was some discussion about the balance between detailed (verbatim) accounts of the Standing Committee Meetings and the informal nature of the meetings. Most felt that the detailed accounts are very useful as an informal historical record and to track progress, but it was felt that this matter should be kept in mind. Regarding the Final Reports of the Standing Committees to be presented to the 4MSP, the Presidency informed that if the reports are sent to the DDA office in Geneva by July 12^h, then they will be ready in all UN languages in early August. With this in mind and recalling the lateness of documents for the 3MSP, there was general agreement that the Final Reports could be finalized by this deadline. It was also agreed that each Final Report is to be sent to the DDA when it is finalized to facilitate timely translations. The Co-Chairs and Co-Rapporteurs were reminded of the guidelines for reporting provided by the ISU. Both the Presidency and the ISU offered assistance to assure that the reports are made available in the languages of the Convention in a timely manner.

2. Confirmation of the status of the Standing Committees' final reports

Regarding the status of Final Reports, the Presidency reiterated the understanding that Final Reports of the Standing Committees are the Co-Chairs' summaries of the breadth of work undertaken by their respective Standing Committees in the Intersessional period. They remain the responsibility of the respective Co-Chairs and are not negotiated documents. States Parties are not asked for their "agreement" or "adoption" of these reports, but instead in the past States Parties have "warmly welcomed" these reports and have "endorsed, and expressed satisfaction with, the work of the Standing Committees." The Presidency recalled the historical anxiety surrounding this matter, blaming the lack of clarity regarding the status of the reports. In this context, different ways to make the status of the reports clear to all would be undertaken, including at the Mission Briefing for the 4MSP in August.

3. Information: 4MSP "Rule 1.4" observers

Noting that the draft rules of procedure for the 4MSP state that "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", the Presidency reminded the CC of this collective responsibility. The suggestion to invite the DDA when this matter is addressed was well taken.

4. Process to prepare for the Convention's First Review Conference

The Co-Chairs of the General Status Committee had the opportunity to inform the CC about consultations to take place on June 27 with an aim to exchange ideas about the process leading to the preparatory process.

5. Update: 4MSP opening ceremony and side events, and related efforts

Switzerland informed about opening ceremony and side events of the 4th Meeting of States Parties, including the presence of personalities, a dance/film performance, landmine survivors' testimonies, a mine-related cartoon exhibit, and several receptions programmed during the week. ICBL informed that it will have two photo exhibits: one on Afghanistan and one on landmine survivors from the United States. ICBL will also bring close to 100 participants including survivors, campaigners and Landmine Monitor Researchers. The ISU Manager also informed that the 4MSP

website would start running on Friday 28th with the link from the GICHD website or directly at: www.gichd.ch/4msp

6. Update: Expo 02

The Presidency informed the Coordinating Committee about the recent visit to the Expo 02 Exhibition on Landmines on Tuesday, June 18th, commending the GICHD and their partners for their work in putting together the very comprehensive exhibit focused on victim assistance, mine awareness, mine clearance and the Ottawa Convention, as well as the ceremony. On behalf of the CC, the Presidency expressed special thanks to Switzerland and the GICHD for the invitation.

7. Any other business

The Presidency proposed that CC meetings be scheduled on Wednesday, July 17 and in the week of August 5-10. Finally, the Presidency requested that some reflection be given on how to address the agenda item on informal consultations during the 4MSP (on victim assistance, mine clearance and stockpile destruction) in order to make the most of these informal segments, as well as on the assistance and cooperation item, which could be addressed in a way more consistent with the ideas shared in the intersessional meetings, and on how the recommendations of the Standing Committees may be reflected in the Presidents Action Programme.