

**President Summary of the Coordinating Committee Meeting  
Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

1. INTERSESSIONAL WORK PROGRAMME:

- Some of the positive outcomes of the Intersessional Standing Committees, as one of the motors of the Ottawa process, were recalled including providing mine-affected states and others a forum to exchange experiences, acquire knowledge and help keep all actors focus and advance in mine actions efforts. It was suggested that the informal ambiance and the coffee breaks have contributed to this and the Co-chairs were encouraged to maintain these practices. The need to better identify where the real gaps and resources are in order to find ways to match them was also suggested, and in this context, the need for countries to come more prepared with more precise information about the real challenges they face in mine action. The Co-chairs were encouraged to send a clear message throughout the SC Meetings about the importance of this with an aim to have more productive meetings in May.
- It was reminded that, in spite of the support that will the Implementation Support Unit (ISU), will provide, the bulk of the work should remain with the Co-chairs and Co-rapporteurs.
- The ICRC and the ICBL offered to brief any delegations on matters of interest.
- The VA Co-chair gave an outline of the Agenda: Review of Achievements, VA Workshop in Canada and in Thailand, Raising the Voices, Implementing art.6.3 and Measuring Progress.
- The Co-Chairs of Mine Clearance and of Stockpile Destruction explained that they have organized the Agendas with country or region specific focus.
- The issue of focusing on a Non-state party (Afghanistan) in a section of the Mine Clearance, Mine Awareness and Mine Action Technologies Standing Committee was discussed. Some suggested the importance of balance between political commitment and assistance. Most expressed support for the political timeliness of this matter, as well as the success of the Mine Clearance Program in Afghanistan. It was also suggested that perhaps this SC could overlap with the Victim Assistance SC on this country to give a comprehensive picture. The Co-chairs took note of the different comments and suggestions.
- Some concern was expressed about the focus on technologies, as well as on having too many “power point” presentations during the intersessional week. Also, it was suggested to include Kosovo, given that this case has a beginning and will be shortly have an end.
- It was reaffirmed that the past allocation of time would be repeated in January, however it was encouraged that the issue be consulted informally during the intersessional week and be considered again in preparation for the May meetings.
- With Spanish and French interpretation being provided, the proposal that each Co-chair decide which language they wish to use for the moderation of the SC Meetings in January. Also, the importance of keeping the informal ambiance of the meetings was accepted.

2. PENDING MATTERS:

- It was agreed that these summaries, under the responsibility of the Presidency, will be translated on an informal and ad hoc base into French and Spanish and posted on the Web.
- It was informed that the signed ISU Agreement will be circulated shortly. Other ISU administrative documents were circulated to the CC including the Draft Budget, which was slightly amended. Australia announced its intent to donate 30,000 Australian dollars.

3. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- A next meeting would be called before the Holiday break, if deemed necessary.
- The 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the signing of the Convention was remembered.