

**President's Summary of the Coordinating Committee Meeting
May 8, 2002**

I. May Standing Committee Meetings:

1. Review of the Agendas for the Standing Committee Meetings

Co-chairs provided the GICHD with some information about speakers (speaker's lists) and audio-visual equipment that is needed and support that may be required for the upcoming Standing Committee Meetings.

2. Participants Briefing

Some ideas were exchanged regarding the format of the Participants Briefing to be held on Monday May 27th. The Chair will circulate a Draft Agenda on this shortly.

3. Raising the Voices Ceremony

Further to earlier discussions on how to ensure a meaningful ceremony for the participants of the Raising the Voices program, the Co Chairs of the Standing Committee on Victim Assistance along with the ICBL informed of their plans for a breakfast reception / ceremony to be held on the May 31 when the participants certificates will be awarded to the survivors in the program.

4. Other matters pertaining to the Intersessional Week

Co-chairs informed about side events pertaining to the Intersessional Week: the Universalization Contact Group will meet during lunchtime on Wednesday, 29th at the Canadian Mission; the Contact Group on article 7 and article 9 will meet at lunchtime on Thursday, 30th in the GICHD.

II. Work Programme of the Coordinating Committee

The Chair will propose a continuation of the Coordinating Committee Work Programme up until the end of June, including the proposal of visiting the Expo 2002 on June 18th, when the Minister of Defence of Switzerland will inaugurate the exhibition on mines. The Coordinating Committee Work Programme was agreed upon, and further discussions would be needed on the Expo 2002 proposal.

III. Any other business

There was a suggestion to invite the Coordinator of the Universalization Contact Group to inform the Coordinating Committee members on work being done within that group, which was welcomed. Also, the Manager of the Implementation Support Unit informed of his plans for the establishment of the Documentation Centre, one of the mandates of the Implementation Support Unit. Finally, regarding the Mission Briefing held earlier that day, the general feeling was that it had been useful to Mission Representatives participating.