

**Meeting of the Coordinating Committee
25 September 2002**

President's Summary

I. Overview of the implementation mechanisms established by the States Parties

The President and the Manager of the Implementation Support Unit (ISU) reviewed the purpose and mandate of the three mechanisms established by the States Parties to help facilitate the implementation of the Convention: The Intersessional Work Programme, the Coordinating Committee and the Implementation Support Unit.

II. Review of the President's Action Programme

The President highlighted the President's Action Programme of the Fourth Meeting of the States Parties as a useful compilation of objectives and actions that the Co-Chairs may wish to take into consideration in the preparation of programmes for their Standing Committees in 2002-2003. In response to a request for a calendar of relevant events – especially given that the President's Action Programme this year did not include one – the ISU Manager was asked to produce one and distribute it to the Coordinating Committee.

III. Preparations for the 3-7 February 2003 Standing Committee meetings

- a. It was noted that one of the most significant improvements made during the 2001-2002 Intersessional Work Programme was to enhance preparations for the Standing Committee meetings and to provide the tools to States Parties and others to effectively prepare for these meetings. In this context, the Coordinating Committee agreed to proceed with work on programmes for their Standing Committees which would lead to a comprehensive package of materials being prepared for distribution by the ISU no later than **6 December**.
- b. The Coordinating Committee discussed time allocations for the February 2003 meetings of the Standing Committees. The Coordinating Committee reaffirmed that the primary emphasis of the week of meetings should be on progress in achieving the core humanitarian objectives of the Convention. However, there were a variety of views regarding whether this could best be done through the Standing Committee on the General Status and Operation of the Convention (SCGS) providing broad overviews of efforts in relevant areas or through more time being allocated to the other three Standing Committees.

The result of the discussion was to accept the President's proposal that the SCGS be allocated the full day on Monday 3 February: to review the general status of implementation (i.e., those matters related to the achievement of the core humanitarian aims); to discuss universalization; to discuss resource mobilisation; and, to cover matters related to the general operation of the Convention (i.e., reports on the Coordinating Committee, ISU and Sponsorship Programme, and, administrative matters related to preparations for the Fifth Meeting of the States Parties – 5MSP). There was also general support for again holding a briefing for

new participants on 3 February and doing so in such a way that could take advantage of interpretation services. (See attached.)

In accepting this proposal, the Coordinating Committee noted that the Co-Chairs should apply flexibility regarding making time adjustments as necessary during the week of Standing Committee meetings, and, regarding time allocations for the May meetings of the Standing Committees. It was also noted that discussions on resource mobilisation may not take much time given that this is a relatively new matter and may not have evolved to a great degree by February.

Regarding his plans for consultations leading to action by States Parties at the 5MSP on a Review Conference preparatory process, the President indicated that while he would be pleased to provide an update on his consultations to the SCGS, consultations themselves would take place in an inclusive manner before the Standing Committee meetings and continue afterwards.

- c. The ISU Manager highlighted that progress had been made in May 2002 in providing greater opportunities to States Parties to participate in the work of the Committees, particularly on the part of mine affected States Parties and those in the process of destroying stockpiled AP mines. He encouraged the Co-Chairs of the Standing Committees responsible for victim assistance, mine clearance and stockpile destruction to build upon this approach by giving consideration to developing programmes that would essentially have four broad components, with the second of these elements being accorded the greatest amount of time:
- A general overview of the status of implementation
 - Updates from affected States Parties on the status of implementation
 - Updates from those in a position to do so regarding assistance and cooperation
 - Discussions on a small number of thematic matters related to implementation

IV. Resolution on the Convention at the First Committee of the General Assembly

For the information of Coordinating Committee members, the President circulated a draft UNGA First Committee resolution on the Convention, which – in accordance with tradition – he will be presenting next week in partnership with the States Parties representing the previous and future Presidents.

V. Departures

The Coordinating Committee noted that the meeting would be the last one for Thymen Kouwenaar of the Netherlands and Isabelle Daoust of the ICRC. The President and others offered their best wishes to Mr. Kouwenaar and Ms. Daoust.

VI. Next meeting

It was agreed that the next Coordinating Committee meeting would take place on 8 November 2002 at 13:00.

Attachment: Time Allocations for the week of 3-7 May 2003

3 February	4 February	5 February	6 February	7 February
New Participants Briefing				
General Status and Operation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General overview of implementation • Universalization • Resources to implement the Convention • General operations of the Convention • Update on President's Consultations 	Standing Committee on Victim Assistance and Socio-Economic Reintegration	Standing Committee on Mine Clearance, Mine Risk Education and Mine Action Technologies	Standing Committee on Stockpile Destruction	General Status and Operation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussions on various Articles of the Convention and other matters

Note: The Co-Chairs will apply the principle of flexibility in the allocation of time. Should one or more committees require more / less time, adjustments may be made during the week of Standing Committee meetings.