

## STANDING COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES, COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE

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At the 10MSP, the States Parties “established a Standing Committee on Resources, Cooperation and Assistance, to be supported like other mechanisms established by the States Parties by the Implementation Support Unit, and, to be presided over in 2011 by the President of the Tenth Meeting of the States Parties, with the leadership of this Standing Committee being regularised as of the Eleventh Meeting of the States Parties”.

The Chair’s aim is to advance the cooperation and assistance agenda that was spelled out in 2010 at the special sessions on cooperation and assistance which were held on 25 June 2010 and at the 10MSP. The Chair began his efforts in advancing this agenda through a symposium he convened in Tirana from 30 May to 1 June to which all States Parties and interested organisations were invited. This symposium provided the opportunity to explore in an in-depth manner key elements of the cooperation and assistance agenda that concern victim assistance.

At the 24 June meeting of the Standing Committee, the Chair will report on outcomes of the Tirana symposium. Other actors who took part in the symposium many wish to share their reflections.

The Chair will then proceed with an agenda item entitled “partnerships and coordination”. This will be an opportunity to follow up on the recognition made last year, and more recently at the Tirana Symposium, that coordination of assistance and cooperation is a central aspect of national ownership. As such, as noted in June of 2010, the emphasis should be on partner responsibilities rather than donor priorities. The Chair will use two case studies to illustrate good practice in this area. Following presentations of these cases, the Chair will open the floor for interested delegations to share their views, perspectives and experiences on the topic of “partnerships and coordination”.

The Chair will continue with an agenda item entitled “ensuring a high level of efficiency in cooperation and assistance”. The Chair will call upon the ICBL to provide its views on this matter and UNMAS to present a case study on the flow of funding through the UN Voluntary Trust Fund. Following these presentations, the Chair will open the floor for interested delegations to share their views, perspectives and experiences on the topic of “ensuring a high level of efficiency in cooperation and assistance”.

Finally, the Chair will provide an opportunity at the first meeting of the Standing Committee for delegates to raise other matters of interest regarding cooperation and assistance. The Chair is aware, for example, that some delegations would like to raise the matter of South-South cooperation. Delegations may wish to share ideas on how to achieve progress in this or other areas of the cooperation and assistance agenda.

To prepare for the meeting of the Standing Committee, delegations may wish to review the discussion papers prepared for last year’s special session on cooperation and assistance:

- Discussion paper: Enhancing cooperation and assistance as concerns victim assistance – [http://www.apminebanconvention.org/fileadmin/pdf/mbc/IWP/SC\\_june10/SC-June2010-SpecialSession-VA%20discussion-paper.pdf](http://www.apminebanconvention.org/fileadmin/pdf/mbc/IWP/SC_june10/SC-June2010-SpecialSession-VA%20discussion-paper.pdf)
- Discussion paper: Strengthening international cooperation and assistance for mine clearance – [http://www.apminebanconvention.org/fileadmin/pdf/mbc/IWP/SC\\_june10/SC-June2010-SpecialSession-Art5-discussion-paper.pdf](http://www.apminebanconvention.org/fileadmin/pdf/mbc/IWP/SC_june10/SC-June2010-SpecialSession-Art5-discussion-paper.pdf)