Article 7

- 104 States Parties have submitted an initial report as required in Article 7.1, the latest being Tajikistan, Tanzania and Qatar. The Gambia and Cameroon volunteered reports before being States Parties, bringing the total number to 106.

- 18 States Parties are late in providing a report as required in Article 7.1.

- 7 States Parties or States for which the Convention will soon enter into force have not yet had to submit an initial report in accordance with the deadline indicated in Article 7.

- One State not Party has volunteered an Article 7 report.

- The rate of compliance with Article 7.1 of the Convention stands at 85%. That is, 104 of the 122 States Parties for which a report has been required under Article 7.1 have submitted a report.

- The 2002 annual reporting rate of 74% was considerably higher than in previous years (56% in 1999; 51% in 2000; and, 59% in 2001.)

- Do not forget to send your annual report not later than 30 April 2003, covering the last calendar year to the Secretary General of the United Nations. We will hear from DDA how this can happen now.

- Cover page, using the presentation of the registration form of GICHD.

- Reminder of the November resolution at the General Assembly.