



Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer
of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction

INTERSESSIONAL PROGRAMME 2003-2004

AGENDA FOR THE WEEK OF STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS*
21-25 June 2004

Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining
Room A, avenue de la Paix (WMO Building), Geneva

MONDAY 21 JUNE

Opening of the week of Standing Committee meetings

10:00 Remarks by the President of the Fifth Meeting of the States Parties and the Director of the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining

Standing Committee on the General Status and Operation of the Convention

10:15 Opening of the meeting by the Co-Chairs

Overview of the general status of implementation

- Update on implementation and on the application of the President's Action Programme: President of the Fifth Meeting of the States Parties

Updates on regional conferences held since the last Standing Committee meeting

- Workshop on Landmines in East Africa and the Ottawa Convention on the Prohibition of Anti-personnel Mines (Kenya)
- Progress toward the Ottawa Convention's Aims in Central Asia: The Dushanbe Landmine Conference (Tajikistan)
- The Amman Seminar on Military and Humanitarian Issues Surrounding the Ottawa Convention (Jordan)
- Advancing the Ottawa Convention in Northern and Eastern Europe: The Vilnius Seminar (Lithuania)

Overview of the general status of universalization

- Coordinator of the Universalization Contact Group (Canada)
- An opportunity for interventions by States not Parties with respect to their efforts to proceed with formal acceptance of the Convention

Update on the mobilisation of resources to achieve the Convention's humanitarian aims

- Coordinator of the Resource Mobilisation Contact Group (Norway)
- Engaging the World Bank (Thailand)

Update on Article 7 reporting

- Coordinator of the Article 7 Contact Group (Belgium)

13:00 Meeting adjourns until Friday 25 June.

* In keeping with past practice, the programme for the week has been structured to include discussion items on numerous specific topics of interest to the States Parties. Participants, therefore, are encouraged to participate actively in discussions on these specific topics and to refrain from making statements of a general nature.

Standing Committee on Mine Clearance, Mine Risk Education and Mine Action Technologies

15:00 Opening of the meeting by the Co-Chairs

General overview of the status of implementation

- Update on implementation (Co-Chairs)
- Views of the ICBL on the state of implementation

Updates from mine affected States Parties on the status of implementation

- An opportunity for updates from States Parties with respect to the problems they face, their plans, progress and priorities for assistance with regards to meeting their deadlines. (See documents #4 and #5.)

18:00 Meeting adjourns.

TUESDAY 22 JUNE

Standing Committee on Mine Clearance, Mine Risk Education and Mine Action Technologies

10:00 Meeting reconvenes

Updates from mine affected States Parties on the status of implementation (continued)

Updates from those in a position to do so regarding assistance and cooperation

- Scene-setting presentation: mainstreaming mine action into development (UNDP)
- An opportunity for updates from States Parties and others regarding their plans, efforts and initiatives in assisting mine affected States Parties in implementing Article 5.

13:00 Break for lunch.

15:00 Updates from those in a position to do so regarding assistance and cooperation (continued)

Update on activities

- Organization of American States

Mine risk education: Overview of progress made and challenges that remain

- ICBL Mine Risk Education Working Group / UNICEF

Mine action technologies: Survey of progress and ongoing work

Closing remarks by the Co-Chairs

18:00 Meeting ends.

Reception

18:15 Reception hosted by the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining[†]

WEDNESDAY 23 JUNE

Standing Committee on Victim Assistance and Socio-Economic Reintegration

10:00 Opening of the meeting by the Co-Chairs

Overview of the status of implementation

• [†] Location: Villa "Rive Belle" – transportation to be provided

- Presentation by the Co-Chairs
- Views of the ICBL on the state of implementation

Updates from relevant States Parties on the status of implementation

- An opportunity for updates from States Parties with respect to the problems they face, their plans, progress and priorities for assistance. (See document #7.)

13:00 Break for lunch.

15:00 Introduction of the participants of the *Raising the Voices* initiative.

Updates on regional victim assistance efforts

- An opportunity for updates by various actors involved in recent regional activities.

Updates from those in a position to do so regarding assistance and cooperation

- An opportunity for donors to share information on their activities as well as for all actors to discuss the means available to assist States Parties in meeting their obligations.

Matters of a thematic nature pertaining to victim assistance

- Successful economic reintegration initiatives
- Enhancing cooperation between providers of prosthetics and orthopedic services
- Physical accessibility
- Other relevant matters

Towards the First Review Conference

- Lessons learned from NGOs specializing in rehabilitation and reintegration (Handicap International)
- Update from the Friend of the President-Designate of the Review Conference (Nicaragua)

Closing remarks by the Co-Chairs

18:00 Meeting ends.

THURSDAY 24 JUNE

Standing Committee on Stockpile Destruction

10:00 Opening of the meeting by the Co-Chairs

An overview of the status of stockpile destruction

- Co-Chairs' presentation on progress in implementation of Article 4
- Views of the ICBL on the state of implementation

Updates from relevant States Parties on the status of implementation

- Presentations by States Parties which have recently completed destruction programmes
- Presentations by States Parties which are in the process of destroying stockpiles
- Presentations by States not Parties in destroying stockpiled AP mines.

13:00 Break for lunch.

15:00 Update on assistance and cooperation

- Food-for-thought: An overview of the range of opportunities to request and provide assistance for stockpile destruction. (See document #9.)
- A case study in cooperation: A presentation by Bangladesh, Canada and the UNDP
- Opportunity for interventions by State Parties and others pertaining to assistance and cooperation regarding stockpile destruction.

Matters of a thematic nature related to stockpile destruction:

- Best practices in destroying stockpiled mines discovered after the end of destruction deadlines.

Closing remarks by the Co-Chairs.

18:00 Meeting ends.

FRIDAY 25 JUNE

Standing Committee on the General Status and Operation of the Convention

10:00 Meeting reconvenes

Contact Group updates

- If necessary Coordinators will provide updates based upon the week's activities.

Matters pertaining to the Convention's compliance provisions

- An opportunity for States Parties to share updates on legal, administrative and other measures taken in accordance with Article 9.
- Updates on other matters pertaining to the facilitation and clarification of compliance

Matters pertaining to Articles 1, 2 and 3

- An opportunity for States Parties to share updates on mines retained or transferred in accordance with Article 3
- Further discussions pursuant to the 5MSP's call upon States Parties to continue to share information and views, particularly with respect to Articles 1, 2 and 3, with a view to developing understandings on various matters by the First Review Conference.

13:00 Break for lunch

15:00 Matters pertaining to Articles 1, 2 and 3 (continued)

Matters pertaining to the general operations of the Convention

- Coordinating Committee Update: President of the Fifth Meeting of the States Parties
- Implementation Support Unit Update: Director of the GICHD and Manager of the Implementation Support Unit
- Sponsorship Programme Update: Programme Coordinator (United Kingdom)

Closing remarks by the Co-Chairs

Closing of the week of Standing Committee meetings

17:30 Remarks by the President of the Fifth Meeting of the States Parties and the Director of the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining

18:00 Week of Standing Committee meetings ends.

Reception

18:00 Reception hosted by the Ambassador of Japan to the Conference on Disarmament and Co-Chair of the Standing Committee on Mine Clearance, Mine Risk Education and Mine Action Technologies (Location: Restaurant Vieux-Bois, Avenue de la Paix 12).

IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING MONDAY 28 JUNE AND TUESDAY 29 JUNE:

The Second Preparatory Meeting will be held at the Palais des Nations in Geneva on 28-29 June. Documents for this meeting have been distributed by the Executive Secretary of the First Review Conference. Please consult www.reviewconference.org for more information.