



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

INTERSESSIONAL WORK PROGRAMME 2004-2005

AGENDA FOR THE WEEK OF STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS*
13-17 June 2005

**Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining
Room A, 7bis avenue de la Paix (WMO Building), Geneva**

MONDAY 13 JUNE

Opening of the week of Standing Committee meetings

10:00 Remarks by the President of the First Review Conference 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 the pursuit of the aims of the Nairobi Action Plan

- President of the First Review Conference

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)

Update on Article 7 reporting

- Coordinator of the Article 7 Contact Group (Belgium)

Article 3: Updates on plans for and use of mines retained for the development of and training in mine detection, mine clearance, or mine destruction techniques (time permitting)

- An opportunity for presentations by relevant States Parties

13:00 Meeting adjourns until Friday 17 June at 11:30

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)

* 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.

Problems, plans, progress and priorities for assistance

- Updates from the 47 States Parties which are in the process of fulfilling obligations under Article 5 of the Convention

18:00 Meeting adjourns.

TUESDAY 14 JUNE

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

10:00 Meeting reconvenes

Problems, plans, progress and priorities for assistance (continued)

- Updates from the 47 States Parties which are in the process of fulfilling obligations under Article 5 of the Convention

Comments from expert respondents

- Stephen Olejas, ICBL Mine Action Working Group
- Sayed Aqa and / or Earl Turcotte, UNDP

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

- 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)

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

- Stan Brabant, Co-Coordinator of the ICBL Mine Risk Education Working Group

Mine action technologies: Survey of progress and ongoing work

- Marc Acheroy (Belgium), Coordinator of the informal technologies experts group

Mine action cost-effectiveness: Update on the discussions of the *NGO Perspective*

- Per Nergaard, Norwegian Peoples Aid (to be confirmed)

Closing remarks by the Co-Chairs

18:00 Meeting ends.

Reception

18:15 Reception hosted by the Director of the GICHD[†]

WEDNESDAY 15 JUNE

Standing Committee on Stockpile Destruction

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

- The Nairobi Action Plan and stockpile destruction
- Co-Chairs' goals for 2005

An overview of the status of stockpile destruction

- Co-Chairs' presentation on progress in implementing Article 4

[†] Location: Villa Rive Belle, 266 Route de Lausanne; transportation to be provided.

- 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 the 15 States Parties which are in the process of destroying stockpiles

13:00 Break for Lunch

15:00 Updates from relevant States Parties on the status of implementation (continued)

- Presentations by States Parties which are in the process of destroying stockpiles
- Presentations by States not parties which are destroying stockpiled AP mines

Matters of a thematic nature related to stockpile destruction

- The results of PFM destruction testing in Ukraine: Mr. Peter Kresja on behalf of the European Commission
- Actions taken resulting from stockpiles discovered after deadlines have passed
- Experiences related to stockpiles not under the control of a State Party

Closing remarks by the Co-Chairs

18:00 Meeting ends

THURSDAY 16 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

- Presentation by the Co-Chairs

Problems, plans, progress and priorities for assistance

- Updates from the 24 States Parties which have reported significant numbers of landmine survivors

13:00 Break for lunch.

15:00 Problems, plans, progress and priorities for assistance (continued)

- Updates from the 24 States Parties which have reported significant numbers of landmine survivors
- Updates from other States Parties and from States not parties

Comments from expert respondents

- Sheree Bailey, Landmine Monitor Victim Assistance Research Coordinator, and, Margaret Arach Orech, Co-Chair of the ICBL Working Group on Victim Assistance
- Dr. David Meddings, Medical Officer, World Health Organization
- Mr. Claude Tardif, Head, Head of Orthopaedic Programmes, ICRC

Emergency medical care

- Dr. A. Reha and Dr. H. Husum of the Trauma Care Center
- Mark Steinbeck, Head of Sector of the ICRC's Health Services Unit.

Socio-economic reintegration

- Presentations by invited experts followed by discussion

18:00 Meeting adjourns until Friday 17 June at 10:00

FRIDAY 17 JUNE

Standing Committee on Victim Assistance and Socio-Economic Reintegration

10:00 Meeting reconvenes

Socio-economic reintegration (continued)

Cooperation and assistance

- 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.

Closing remarks by the Co-Chairs

11:30 Meeting ends

Standing Committee on the General Status and Operation of the Convention

11:30 Meeting reconvenes

Article 3: Updates on plans requiring the retention of mines for the development of and training in mine detection, mine clearance, or mine destruction techniques and on the actual use of retained mines (continued)

- An opportunity for presentations by relevant States Parties

Article 9: Updates on legislative, administrative and other measures

- An opportunity for presentations by relevant States Parties

The practical implementation of the various other provisions of the Convention

- Exchange of views and experiences

13:00 Break for lunch

15:00 The practical implementation of the various other provisions of the Convention (continued)

- Exchange of views and experiences

Preparations for the next Meeting of the States Parties

- Discussion of draft procedural matters
- Update on logistical preparations

Matters pertaining to the general operations of the Convention

- Coordinating Committee Update: President of the First Review Conference
- 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 Director of the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining

18:00 Week of Standing Committee meetings ends