



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

INTERSESSIONAL PROGRAMME 2001-2002

**AGENDA FOR THE WEEK OF STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS
May 27-31, 2002**

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

MONDAY, MAY 27

Briefing for new Standing Committee Participants

08:30 All new participants are encouraged to attend a general orientation to the week of meetings

09:00 Coffee is served

Official opening of the week of Standing Committee meetings

09:30 Remarks by the Presidency of the Third 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

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

10:15 Overview of the general status of implementation, including on matters related to assistance and cooperation

- Presentation by the Presidency and Co-Chairs
- Discussion

11:00 Coffee break

11:15 Overview of the General Status of Universalization

- Presentation by the Universalization Contact Group
- Opportunity for interventions by States Parties and others involved in universalization efforts
- Opportunity for interventions by States not Parties with respect to their efforts to proceed with formal acceptance of the Convention

12:00 Report of the Coordinating Committee

- Introduction by the Presidency of a non-paper on the Intersessional Programme
- Discussion
- Report on the activities of the Implementation Support Unit

13:00 Standing Committee adjourns until Friday morning

Standing Committee on Victim Assistance and Socio-Economic Reintegration

- 15:00 Opening of the meeting by the Co-Chairs
- 15:15 Overview of the Status of Implementation
- Update on progress in implementing the Convention: Sheree Bailey, Landmine Monitor
 - Update on a consultative process to provide planning opportunities for the Standing Committee: Judith Dunne, United Nations Mine Action Service
 - Update on implementation in South East Asia: Jeff Stanton, Handicap International
- 16:00 Update on Implementation Plans and Progress: Prosthetics and Orthotics
- Provision of prosthetic and orthotic services – progress since the South East Asia Regional Victim Assistance Workshop: Thailand’s experience
 - Accessibility of services in the field: Jeannette Perry de Saravia, CIREC Colombia
 - Opportunity for updates from State Parties and others
- 16:45 Coffee break
- 17:00 Update on Implementation Plans and Progress: Psycho-social rehabilitation
- Results from the Landmine Survivors Network’s trauma survey: Dr. Maria Gomez, LSN
 - Providing rehabilitation services for landmine survivors and their families: Djiana Plestina, Croatia
 - Opportunity for updates from State Parties and others
- 18:00 Meeting adjourns.

TUESDAY, MAY 28

Standing Committee on Victim Assistance and Socio-Economic Reintegration (continued)

- 09:00 Coffee is served
- 09:30 Update on Implementation Plans and Progress: Human rights of persons with disabilities – The economic reintegration of persons with disabilities
- Disability employment legislation: Margaret Arach, landmine survivor from Uganda
 - Modifying employment legislation for disabled soldiers: Sergeant Nelson Castillo, landmine survivor from Ecuador
 - Survivors working in mine action: Danis Gutierrez-Hernandez, OAS, and landmine survivor from Nicaragua
 - Opportunity for updates from State Parties and others
- 10:30 Update on Assistance and Cooperation
- Opportunity for updates from donor State Parties and others involved in assistance and cooperation initiatives
- 11:15 Coffee Break
- 11:30 An Assessment of Priority Areas in Meeting the Needs of Landmine Survivors
- A review of accessibility, literacy and economic reintegration: Dr. Raquel Willerman, Landmine Survivors Network
 - Introduction of new participants in the *Raising the Voices of Landmine Survivors* initiative
- 12:15 An Opportunity for Interventions on Other Matters
- Sharing Honduras’ experience: Colonel Herbert Espinosa, Ministry of Defence

- Victim assistance in the Democratic Republic of the Congo: Dr. M. Kapanga
- Process for prioritizing project proposals for funding: Ngy San, Deputy Executive Director of the Disability Action Council, Cambodia
- Opportunity for additional interventions

12:50 Co-Chairs' Closing Remarks

13:00 Meeting ends.

Standing Committee on Mine Clearance, Mine Awareness and Mine Action Technologies

15:00 Opening Statements by the Co-Chairs

15:15 Status of the Implementation of the Convention

- Progress made and problems faced

15:45 Situation and needs in the most affected countries

- Update provided by Landmine Monitor

16:00 Discussion

16:30 Coffee Break

16:45 Implementation Plans and Progress

- Opportunity for statements by mine affected States Parties

18:00 Meeting adjourns

Reception

18:30 Reception hosted by the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining

- Attique Restaurant, WMO Building

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

Standing Committee on Mine Clearance, Mine Awareness and Mine Action Technologies

09:00 Coffee is served

09:30 Achievements and lessons learned: Mine Action in Mozambique

- Overview
- UNOMOZ
- Humanitarian operator activities
- Mine risk education
- Lessons learned
- Discussion

11:00 Coffee break

11:30 Assistance and Cooperation

- Opportunity for statements by donor State Parties and others

12:15 Tools of implementation: Information Management System for Mine Action (IMSMA):

- Using the IMSMA as a managerial tool: Examples – Kosovo and Yemen

- Using the IMSMA to assist in completing Article 7 reports
- Discussion

13:00 Lunch break

15:00 Actors and Tools of Mine Action

- Progress in evaluating detectors and mechanical clearance
- Discussion
- Progress in establishing international mine action standards (IMAS)
- Discussion

16:30 Coffee break

17:00 Work of the Standing Committee in the light of the Fourth Meeting of the States Parties 2002

17:50 Closing remarks by the Co-Chairs

18:00 Meeting ends.

THURSDAY, MAY 30

Standing Committee on Stockpile Destruction

09:00 Coffee is served

09:30 Opening of the meeting by the Co-Chairs

09:30 An overview of the status of implementation

- Co-Chairs' presentation on progress and future challenges for stockpile destruction
- Global overview of stockpile destruction
 - Steve Goose, International Campaign to Ban Landmines / Landmine Monitor

10:15 Update on implementation: Plans and progress

- Presentations by States Parties
 - Albania
 - Yemen: Colonel Mansour Al-Ezzi, Yemen Mine Action Centre
 - Note: All states parties are encouraged to present on the progress of national stockpile destruction and future plans for destruction
- Presentations by prospective States Parties
 - Greece: Major Christogiannis Ionannis, Ministry of Defence
 - Turkey: Metin Kesap and Salin Korkutan, Ministry of Defence
 - Belarus: Dr. Aleksandr Baichorov, Head, International Security Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
 - Note: All prospective states parties are encouraged to present on the progress of national stockpile destruction and future plans for destruction

11:00 Coffee break

11:30 Matters of a thematic nature related to implementation: Special session – The safety and storage of stockpiles

- Stockpile security
 - Hans-Peter Walker, Swiss Defence Procurement Agency
- Case study: Security of stockpiles in Lagos, Nigeria (munitions aspects)
 - Bob Scott, Munitions Consultant for Department for International Development
- Case study: Security of stockpiles in Lagos, Nigeria (humanitarian impact of the Lagos incident)

- Harold Aquaconsult (UK)
- Case study: Thailand
 - Major General Gitti Suksomstarn, Director-General Thailand Mine Action Centre
- Safe storage of small stockpiles of anti-personnel mines for training purposes – a French perspective
 - Ms. Dominique Munoz, Etablissements de Bourges (France)

12:30 Discussion

13:00 Lunch break

15:00 Update on assistance and cooperation

- Co-Chairs' introduction to assistance and cooperation
- The Reay Group and stockpile destruction
 - Dr. Dijana Plestina, Advisor to the Croatian Minister of Foreign Affairs on Mine Action
- Opportunity for interventions by State Parties and others
 - Note: All State Parties and interested organizations are encouraged to share their needs for, and ideas pertaining to the provision of, assistance and cooperation regarding stockpile destruction

16:30 Coffee break

16:45 Matters of a thematic nature related to implementation: Technical aspects relating to implementation

- Industrial scale stockpile destruction:
 - Stephen Brown, NATO
- Refresher – review of the basic rules and techniques of stockpile destruction
 - Paddy Blagden, GICHD

17:30 Closing remarks from Co-Chairs

17:45 Future directions – remarks from Co-Chairs from September 2002 to September 2003

18:00 Meeting ends.

FRIDAY, MAY 31

Standing Committee on the General Status and Operation of the Convention

09:00 Coffee is served

09:30 Reconvening of the meeting by the Co-Chairs

09:35 Report of the Coordinating Committee and Discussion on the Intersessional Programme (Continued)

- If necessary, further discussion on the Presidency's paper on the Intersessional Programme, update on the Implementation Support Unit and news from the Universalization Contact Group.
- Update on consultations to nominate new Co-Rapporteurs

10:15 Discussions on matters related to Article 7

- Update on the status of reporting (Ambassador Jean Lint, Coordinator of the Article 7 Contact Group)
- Discussion on the Coordinator of the Article 7 Contact Group's non-paper on Article 7 reporting

- 11:00 Updates on implementation of Article 9 and Article 3
- An opportunity for States Parties to share updates on legal, administrative and other measures taken in accordance with Article 9.
 - An opportunity for States Parties to provide brief updates related to Article 3.
- 11:15 Coffee break
- 11:30 Experiences in implementing Article 2
- An opportunity for States Parties to share how, in legal and / or operational terms, Article 2 of the Convention is being implemented.
- 12:15 Addressing the humanitarian impact of mines that may pose similar risks to civilian populations as anti-personnel mines
- An opportunity for States Parties to share steps taken, and to discuss possible approaches including best practices, to reduce the humanitarian impact of mines that may pose similar risks to civilian populations as anti-personnel mines.
- 13:00 Break for lunch.
- 15:00 Preparations for the Fourth Meeting of the States Parties
- Remarks by the President-Nominee
 - Remarks by the Secretary-General-designate on the opening ceremonies and side events
 - Discussion on draft cost estimates for the Fourth Meeting
- 15:45 Experiences in implementing Article 1
- An opportunity for States Parties to share, how in operational terms, Article 1 of the Convention is being implemented.
- 16:15 Coffee break
- 16:30 Update on the dialogue related to the facilitation and clarification of compliance
- Update on discussions that have taken place since the presentation of the Canadian non-paper
- 17:15 Matters pertaining to compliance concerns
- 17:30 Closing remarks by the Co-Chairs, Presidency and the Director of the GICHD
- 18:00 Meeting ends.