



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

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON
VICTIM ASSISTANCE AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC REINTEGRATION**

CO-CHAIRS' NOTES TO MEETING PARTICIPANTS

May 27-28, 2002

Introduction:

There is no shortage of opportunities to act in seeing that the Standing Committee continues to make an effective contribution to the helping States Parties fulfil their obligations under Article 6.3. However, in order to ensure that the work of the Standing Committee remains relevant, effective and efficient, there is a need to focus efforts and ensure that the Standing Committee has direction. By the time of the 2004 Review Conference there will be an expectation that progress will have been made.

Since the last meeting of the Standing Committee, the Co-Chairs have given consideration to how the committee could contribute to progress and to live up to its mandate to identify practical means to assist states in meeting their obligations under Article 6.3 of the Convention. The result of these considerations has been for the Co-Chairs to suggest the following objectives for the Standing Committee on May 27-28:

- To gain a better understanding of the progress of implementing the Convention as it pertains to landmine victims.
- To receive an update on efforts to identify opportunities that will ensure that the Standing Committee has ongoing direction and focus.
- To provide a greater opportunity for affected States Parties to share with others their implementation plans and progress, particularly with respect to three areas of victim assistance:
 - a. prosthetics and orthotics;
 - b. psycho-social reintegration; and,
 - c. human rights of persons with disabilities as it relates to their economic reintegration.
- To gain a better understanding of efforts related to assistance and cooperation.
- To summarize with a view to providing a basis for continuity, those areas of greatest priority in implementing provisions of the Convention related to meeting the needs of landmine survivors.

Suggestions on preparing for the Standing Committee meeting:

The meeting agenda has been organized around topics related to these objectives. To assist participants in preparing themselves to contribute to various different agenda items, the Co-Chairs would like to suggest the following:

- Mine affected States Parties may wish to consider preparing interventions (suggested length: 5 minutes) on the status of implementation pertaining to the areas noted above (i.e., prosthetics and orthotics; psycho-social rehabilitation; and, human rights related to economic reintegration). States Parties are, of course, are free to structure their interventions in whatever manner they wish. However, some States Parties may find it useful to consult the guidance that has been provided by the Landmine Monitor's Victim Assistance Coordinator. (See Document #3.)
- Donor states may wish to consider preparing interventions (suggested length: 5 minutes) related to their plans and priorities for assistance and cooperation as it relates to victim assistance. States Parties are, of course, are free to structure their interventions in whatever manner they wish. However, some States Parties may find it useful to consult the guidance that has been provided by the ICBL Working Group on Victim Assistance. (See Document #4.)

- The Co-Chairs would be grateful if meeting participants could ensure that interventions made are consistent with the agenda item being discussed at any particular time. Meeting participants who wish to intervene on matters that do not appear on the agenda may do so (suggested length: 5 minutes) under the agenda item entitled, “an opportunity for interventions on other matters.”

To assist the Co-Chairs in preparing speakers lists for these three agenda items, States Parties wishing to intervene should contact the Implementation Support Unit (email: k.brinkert@gichd.ch; fax: 41-22-906-1690; tel: 41-22-906-1637).

ANNOTATED AGENDA

Monday, May 27

15:00 Co-Chairs’ Introductory Remarks

An Overview of the Status of Implementation

This agenda item is intended to set the scene for the work of the Standing Committee by providing a broad overview of the general status of the implementation of efforts to meet the needs of landmine survivors. This overview will include the Landmine Monitor Victim Assistance Coordinator being called upon to provide an update on efforts to obtain a more detailed overview of the status of implementation. As well, the United Nations Mine Action Service will be asked to provide an update on the consultative process which is designed to identify new opportunities for the Standing Committee.

Update on Implementation Plans and Progress

The series of agenda items has been designed to provide mine affected States Parties with the opportunity to share with others their implementation plans and progress, particularly with respect to three areas of victim assistance:

A. Prosthetics and Orthotics

To set the scene for discussion on this matter, it is the Co-Chairs’ desire that there will be an update on State implementation of principles discussed at the South East Asia Victim Assistance Seminar and as well as a report on accessibility to prosthetics and orthotics. Following these presentations, there will be an opportunity for other mine affected States Parties and other meeting participants to intervene.

B. Psycho-Social Rehabilitation

To set the scene for a discussion psycho-social rehabilitation, the Landmine Survivors Network will provide a summary of the results of its trauma survey and a State Party will report on rehabilitation services for families of landmine survivors. Following these presentations, there will be an opportunity for other mine affected States Parties and other meeting participants to intervene.

18:00 Meeting adjourns.

Tuesday, May 28

09:30 Update on Implementation Plans and Progress (Continued)

C. Human rights of persons with disabilities: The economic reintegration of persons with disabilities

Presentations will set the scene for a further discussion on how the economic

reintegration of persons with disabilities relates to the topic of the human rights of persons with disabilities. Following these presentations, there will be an opportunity for other affected States Parties and other meeting participants to intervene.

Update on Assistance and Cooperation

This agenda item is intended to provide States Parties which are donors and other actors with the opportunity to make interventions pertaining to their priorities and intentions related to victim assistance.

An Assessment of Priority Areas in Meeting the Needs of Landmine Survivors

The purpose of this agenda item is to discuss a summary of the priorities identified as a result of the work of the Standing Committee which may be considered as important areas for further work by the Standing Committee in the future. In addition, this agenda item is intended to enable participants in the Raising the Voices of Landmine Survivors to suggest areas that they consider to be priorities, and to introduce these participants.

An Opportunity for Interventions on Other Matters

Meeting participants who wish to intervene on other matters related to victim assistance may do so during this agenda item.

Co-Chairs' Closing Remarks

13:00 Meeting ends.