

12MSP Informal Meeting – 3 September 2012

ISU Updates

1. Preparation of the ISU's 2013 work plan and budget

At the 12MSP, for the second time since the "Directive from the States Parties to the ISU" was adopted, the ISU will seek the approval of a MSP for an annual work plan and budget.

The ISU's current (2012) work plan and budget took into account the current financial context in that projected expenditures for 2012 were approximately 12 percent below the level of the budgeted expenditures in 2011. In addition, the staffing complement of the ISU has been reduced in recent years from 5.3 full time equivalent staff in 2010, to 4.3 in 2011 to 4.1 in 2012.

The ISU's intention is produce a work plan and budget for 2013 that continues to incorporate savings from recent years and which features activity levels generally consistent with those contained in the 2012 work plan, with the exception that the 2013 work plan will need to incorporate support for a MSP taking place outside of Geneva.

If States Parties have other views with respect to this approach, the ISU Director invites them to contact him as soon as possible as a draft work plan and budget will need to be prepared for initial consideration by the Coordinating Committee in coming weeks.

2. ISU finances

At the 11MSP, the States Parties decided to maintain the ISU's existing (voluntary) funding model and agreed to improve the financial situation of the ISU and to ensure that sufficient contributions are provided to the ISU as long as the financing model remains unchanged. Further to the appeals made by the 11MSP President, the following States Parties have provided contributions or assurances of contributions for the ISU's 2012 work plan:

Albania	Cyprus	Netherlands
Algeria	Denmark	Norway
Argentina	Estonia	Slovenia
Australia	Germany	Switzerland
Cambodia	Italy	
Chile	Malaysia	

The following States Parties have not yet provided voluntary contributions to cover the costs of the ISU's 2012 work plan.

Afghanistan	Belize	Burundi
Andorra	Benin	Cameroon
Angola	Bhutan	Canada
Antigua and Barbuda	Bolivia	Cape Verde
Austria	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Central African Republic
Bahamas	Botswana	Chad
Bangladesh	Brazil	Colombia
Barbados	Brunei Darussalam	Comoros
Belarus	Bulgaria	Congo (Brazzaville)
Belgium	Burkina Faso	Cook Islands

Costa Rica	Kuwait	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Côte d' Ivoire	Latvia	Samoa
Croatia	Lesotho	San Marino
Czech Republic	Liberia	Sao Tome and Principe
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Liechtenstein	Senegal
Djibouti	Lithuania	Serbia
Dominica	Luxembourg	Seychelles
Dominican Republic	Macedonia, the FYR of	Sierra Leone
Ecuador	Madagascar	Slovakia
El Salvador	Malawi	Solomon Islands
Equatorial Guinea	Maldives	Somalia
Eritrea	Mali	South Africa
Ethiopia	Malta	South Sudan
Fiji	Mauritania	Spain
Finland	Mauritius	Sudan
France	Mexico	Suriname
Gabon	Moldova, Republic of	Swaziland
Gambia	Monaco	Sweden
Ghana	Montenegro	Tajikistan
Greece	Mozambique	Tanzania
Grenada	Namibia	Thailand
Guatemala	Nauru	Timor-Leste
Guinea	New Zealand	Togo
Guinea Bissau	Nicaragua	Trinidad and Tobago
Guyana	Niger	Tunisia
Haiti	Nigeria	Turkey
Holy See	Niue	Turkmenistan
Honduras	Palau	Tuvalu
Hungary	Panama	Uganda
Iceland	Papua New Guinea	Ukraine
Indonesia	Paraguay	United Kingdom
Iraq	Peru	Uruguay
Ireland	Philippines	Vanuatu
Jamaica	Portugal	Venezuela
Japan	Qatar	Yemen
Jordan	Romania	Zambia
Kenya	Rwanda	Zimbabwe
Kiribati	Saint Kitts and Nevis	
	Saint Lucia	

3. 12MSP organizational matters

The ISU is once again carrying out its traditional task of coordinating side events and allocating space for them at the 12MSP venue. The UN has made three rooms available, meaning that there are 15 spaces in total for lunch-time side events. Due to interest expressed to date by States Parties and non-governmental and international organizations, there are very few spaces remaining. Therefore, delegations wishing to host a lunch-time side event during the 12MSP should contact the ISU (isu@apminebanconvention.org) as soon as possible.

States Parties and States not parties that have been invited to request sponsorship for the 12SMP should respond as soon as possible if they want to take advantage of the offer of sponsorship.