



Interim Report

ACTIVITIES, FUNCTIONING AND FINANCES OF THE ANTI-PERSONNEL MINE BAN CONVENTION IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT UNIT

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Background

1. At the 2001 Third Meeting of the States Parties (3MSP), the States Parties endorsed the President's Paper on the Establishment of the Implementation Support Unit (ISU) and mandated the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD) to establish the ISU. The 3MSP also encouraged States Parties in a position to do so to make voluntary contributions to support the ISU. In addition, the States Parties mandated the President of the 3MSP, in consultation with the Coordinating Committee, to finalise an agreement between the States Parties and the GICHD on the functioning of the ISU. The GICHD's Council of Foundation accepted this mandate on 28 September 2001.
2. At the 2010 Tenth Meeting of the States Parties, the States Parties endorsed the final report of the ISU Task Force and, in doing so, adopted the Directive from the States Parties to the ISU, ensuring that the ISU is directly responsible to the States Parties while it continues to be hosted by the GICHD. In taking these actions, the States Parties agreed that the ISU would "report in written form as well as orally on the activities, functioning and finances of the ISU to each Meeting of the States Parties or Review Conference, and to informal meetings under the Convention as appropriate." In addition, the States Parties agreed that "an audited Annual Financial Report (...) for the previous year and a preliminary Annual Financial Report for the present year shall be submitted by the ISU to the Coordinating Committee and subsequently to each Meeting of the States Parties or Review Conferences for approval."
3. At the 2015 Fourteenth Meeting of the States Parties (14MSP) the States Parties adopted a Decision on strengthening financial governance and transparency within the ISU which, in part, established a financial security buffer and measures related to the management of expenditures related to core support of the ISU and of the financial security buffer. The Decision on strengthening financial governance and transparency within the ISU also established that early in each year a conference of States Parties shall be held to collect pledges and contributions in order to obtain an overview of funds that can be expected for the current year as well as for the foreseeable period.
4. At the 2019 Fourth Review Conference the States Parties adopted the ISU Work Plan and Budget 2020-2024. In adopting the 2020-2024 Work Plan the States Parties modified the decision of the 14MSP. This modification included the merging of "enhanced support" with "core support" of the ISU to better support implementation and to ensure a more practical approach to implementation in line with the mid-term review of the Sixteenth Meeting of the States Parties. Also at the Fourth Review Conference adopted the Oslo Action Plan (OAP) in which States Parties committed in Action 10 to "provide voluntary resources for the effective functioning of the ISU, making multi-year commitments where feasible, in accordance with the ISU's 5-year work plan." The Eighteenth

Meeting of the States Parties (18MSP) adopted the ISU Work Plan and Budget for 2021, in line with the ISU Work Plan and Budget 2020-2024.

5. In 2021, contributions have been received from the following 15 States Parties – Algeria, Australia, Austria, Canada, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Finland, Ireland, Japan, the Netherlands, Slovenia, Sudan, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey and the United Kingdom. Additional States Parties including France, Germany, Italy, Norway, Spain and Sweden have pledged to contribute to the ISU in 2021.

Report:

Mandate #1: “Prepare, support and carry out follow-up activities from formal and informal meetings under the Convention including Meetings of the States Parties, Review Conferences, Amendment Conferences, intersessional meetings, Standing Committees, the Coordinating Committee and the Article 5 Extension Request Analysing Group”¹

Mandate #2: “Provide substantive and other support to the President, President-Designate, Co-Chairs and Co-Rapporteurs in their work related to all such meetings”²

6. As of the end of October 2021, the ISU has supported and carried out follow-up activities associated with seven (7) meetings of the Coordinating Committee.
7. On 15 January 2021, the ISU supported the Committee on Victim Assistance, in hosting a retreat on Victim Assistance which brought together Victim Assistance Committees and Coordinators of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention and the Convention on Cluster Munitions. The retreat also included participation of Committees and Coordinators of the different disarmament Conventions which are mandated to address matters concerning cooperation and assistance and representatives from the International Campaign to Ban Landmines, the Secretariat of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the International Committee of the Red Cross and Humanity and Inclusion. This retreat formed part of the Committee’s ongoing effort to strengthen synergies and ensure the provision of coherent advice to States Parties in implementation of Victim Assistance.
8. On 20 January 2021 the ISU supported the President and the Coordinating Committee in organizing a retreat to explore the challenges and opportunities in the implementation of the Convention. The ISU provided a briefing for Coordinating Committee members concerning the status of the Convention and key matters to consider in 2021 based on the priorities highlighted by the Committees at the 18MSP. Likewise, organizations including the ICBL and the ICRC were invited to offer a presentation on different thematic areas of implementation. As a result, Committee members had a better understanding concerning the status and challenges in implementation of the Convention.
9. On 23 February 2021, the ISU provided support to the President in executing his mandate concerning efforts to mobilize sufficient resources for the ISU including by providing advice to the President in planning and hosting the *Sixth Annual Pledging Conference for the Implementation of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention*. The ISU also provided support on a number of follow-up

¹ At the Third Review Conference, Standing Committees were replaced by four Committees and the mandate to analyse requests for extension under Article 5 was placed under the Committee on Article 5 Implementation. At the Third Review Conference, the structures of the Committees were altered and now include one Chair and three Committee Members.

² The Committee on Article 5 Implementation, Committee on Victim Assistance, Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance and the Committee Cooperative Compliance.

actions, including communicating with States Parties concerning their pledges and ensuring that the interventions by States at the pledging conference were uploaded to the Convention's website

<https://www.apminebanconvention.org/pledging-conferences/sixth-pledging-conference/>

10. On 3 March 2021, the ISU supported the President and the Committees in distributing initial communications to States Parties. This initial communication highlighted the importance of high quality reporting to support the Committees in the implementation of their respective mandates. The communication also included a questionnaire to support the efforts of States Parties in reporting in accordance with the OAP.
11. On 18 March 2021 the ISU supported the Committees and a representative of the Committee's gender focal points in hosting an online workshop on "*Article 7 Transparency Reports and the Oslo Action Plan*". The Workshop was held with all mine affected States Parties invited to participate with the objective of, amongst other, raising awareness of the baseline established at the 18MSP and gaps in reporting and sharing available tools to support States Parties. The workshop also provided an opportunity for States Parties to pose questions and share challenges faced in reporting and any other matter concerning reporting.
12. During the month of February and March 2021, the ISU supported the Committee on Article 5 Implementation and the Committee on Victim Assistance in hosting bilateral meetings with relevant States Parties to discuss progress and challenges in implementation. This support included the drafting of up-to-date background notes on the status of implementation of the Convention and the relevant actions of the OAP by the relevant State Party. These meetings were held in a virtual format.
13. The ISU supported the President in the implementation of his mandate including by supporting his Universalization efforts by preparing background notes and supporting bilateral meetings with representatives of States not party including Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Lebanon and Libya. The ISU further supported the President in inviting all States not party to participate in the work of the Convention.
14. The ISU supported the Committee on Victim Assistance in implementing its mandate of addressing other fora on matters concerning Victim Assistance, including by supporting the Committee's engagement during the annual debate on the rights of persons with disability of the Human Rights Council on 5 March 2021 and during the opening of the twenty-fourth session of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) on 8 March 2021. Additionally, the ISU supported the Committee's engagement with the CRPD including a meeting with the Bureau of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities held on 22 March 2021 and initial interaction with the newly appointed Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.
15. On 6 May 2021, the ISU supported the Committee on Cooperative Compliance in hosting two online workshops to raise awareness on the importance of Article 9 implementation for the 51 States Parties that have not yet reported on the implementation of Article 9. During the Workshop New Zealand was invited to present its national implementation measures and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) was invited to highlight where assistance can be obtained and the opportunity was given to relevant States Parties to provide updates on their national situations.
16. In light of the continued restrictions posed by the global pandemic, the ISU provided advice and support to the President and the Committees in developing plans for a virtual Intersessional Meetings held on 22-24 June 2021. The ISU also supported the efforts of the President and the

Committees in drafting preliminary observations and other documents for the Intersessional Meetings, their preparations for panel discussions, the development and distribution of the invitation and programme for the Intersessional Meetings, contracting of interpreters for the meeting and supporting their efforts during the Intersessional Meetings. The ISU also supported the President and Committees in contacting experts and in arranging relevant panel discussions. In total, over 500 delegates were registered to participate in these meetings including representatives from approximately 89 States and 59 organizations. The support provided by the ISU ensured a successful 2021 Intersessional Meetings.

17. The ISU supported the Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance and Mauritania in preparations for the Individualised Approach (IA) which was held ahead of the Intersessional Meetings on 17 June 2021. ISU support included working with the Committee and Mauritania to finalize and distribute the invitation, agenda, presentation and other material and preparing the platform and translation for the event. Given ongoing restrictions, the IA for Mauritania was held in a virtual format.
18. Over the period of 31 March 2021 – 1 October 2021, the ISU support to the Committee on Article 5 Implementation in executing its mandate to prepare and submit to the States Parties an analysis of requests submitted by Cyprus, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Guinea Bissau, Mauritania, Nigeria, Somalia and Turkey including by supporting the Committee in its communication with the requesting States Parties as well as with expert organizations to request additional information and expert input, respectively, following the submission of the requests. The ISU also supported the President, the Committee on Article 5 and the Coordinating Committee and others with efforts to reach out to Eritrea concerning their outstanding Extension Request.
19. Furthermore, in support of the efforts of the Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance to facilitate reporting, the ISU supported the Committee with the continued development of the online reporting tool with the aim to ensure that the tool is ready for use by States Parties in 2022.
20. The ISU supported the President in preparations for the Nineteenth Meeting of the States Parties (19MSP), taking into account the ongoing global pandemic, including by:
 - a. Preparing a draft agenda and programme for initial discussion by the Coordinating Committee;
 - b. Liaising with the United Nations to ensure a coordinated approach to the execution of the 19MSP;
 - c. Distribution of communications on behalf of the President to all States and organizations concerning the 19MSP;
 - d. Supporting the President in coordination with the UN to host an informal preparatory meeting on 17 September 2021 to update States and organizations on matters pertaining to the 19MSP and ensuring inclusivity by providing an opportunity for virtual participation;
 - e. Supporting the President and the Committees in finalizing documentation for the meeting;
 - f. Supporting the President in reaching out to organizations interested in hosting side events;
 - g. Creating a page on the Convention's website dedicated to matters related to the 19MSP.
21. Due to ongoing challenges concerning assessed contributions for UN support to Meetings of the States Parties, the ISU has increasingly dedicated resources to addressing this matters, including by circulating letters (as agreed to at the Fourth Review Conference) to States Parties, and supporting the President efforts in ensuring that States in arrears are notified and encouraged to pay their assessed contribution well before the three month deadline ahead of a Meeting of States

Parties / Review Conference imposed by the UN. The ISU also increasingly addressed inquiries from States Parties on information concerning their assessed contributions.

Mandate #3: “Provide advice and technical support to States Parties on the implementation and universalization, including on the Sponsorship Programme, of the Convention”

22. The ISU provided advice to States Parties that indicated would submit requests for extended mine clearance deadlines in 2021 (Cyprus, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Guinea Bissau, Mauritania, Nigeria, Somalia and Turkey) and began doing so with respect to four States Parties that had indicated would need to or may need to submit requests for consideration at the Twentieth Meeting of the States Parties (Afghanistan, Serbia, Thailand and Yemen).

23. Ongoing restrictions caused by the global pandemic prevented the ISU from undergoing missions in support of States Parties submitting request for extension. While remote support to States was provided, the process was detrimentally affected by the lack of in-person meetings with representatives of States Parties and partner organizations. In some cases this affected the timing of submission and other issues associated with the content of the requests.

24. Additionally, the ISU provided support to States Parties by addressing inquiries concerning their participation during the 23 February 2021 Sixth Annual Pledging Conference, the 22-24 June 2021 Intersessional Meetings, the 17 September 2021 informal 19MSP preparatory meeting, the 15-19 November 2021 19MSP and on matters related to UN assessed contributions for the 19MSP, amongst other Convention related matters.

25. The ISU provided support to Australia in its role as Sponsorship Programme Coordinator in raising awareness and distributing communications on the status of the Programme. Unfortunately, due to ongoing restrictions no sponsorship programme was administered for the 22-24 June 2021 Intersessional programme. The ISU supported the Sponsorship Programme Coordinator in launching the sponsorship programme for the 19MSP.

Mandate #4: “Facilitate communication among the States Parties, and promote communication and information regarding the Convention towards States not Party and the public”

26. The ISU responded to numerous inquiries from States Parties, States not party and organisations regarding participation in Convention activities as well as on the status of implementation of the Convention and the OAP and has continued to engage with a number of partners and organizations throughout the year.

27. The ISU participated in supporting Afghanistan and Iraq in the development of their National Mine Action Strategies, this included participation during strategic planning workshops which took place on 30 November – 3 December 2020 and 15-18 March 2021, respectively, and follow-up work in established working groups. The ISU offered a presentation during these events on main issues to consider concerning the Convention and the OAP.

28. On 15 June 2021, the ISU participated in the *2021 Disarmament Orientation Course* hosted by UNIDIR. The ISU’s served as a *resource person* for those participating in the course to address any questions concerning Conventional Weapons Conventions.

29. The ISU continued to update and enhance the Convention’s website, including by establishing content for the Sixth Annual Pledging Conference, Intersessional Meetings, the informal 19MSP preparatory meeting and the 19MSP. The ISU put considerable effort into revising content on the Convention’s website (www.apminebanconvention.org). Efforts also continue to redesign the

website and provide stakeholders with a more user-friendly website. However, this process has been delayed due to circumstances outside of the control of the ISU, including overall capacity of the ISU.

30. The ISU further continued distributing news on the implementation of the Convention on the Convention's social media channels and through the distributions of a periodic newsletter.

Mandate #5: "Keep records of formal and informal meetings under the Convention, and communicate, as appropriate, the decisions and priorities resulting from such meetings to States Parties and other stakeholders"

31. In 2021, the ISU continued to make available information related to the outcomes of the 18MSP, collecting outstanding statements and uploading statements and presentations offered by States and organizations to the Convention's website.

32. The ISU collected statements from delegations during the Sixth International Pledging Conference making them available online and communicated the outcomes of the Sixth International Pledging Conference to States and organization on the Convention's webpage.

33. The ISU also ensured that the volume of documents and statements generated at the 22-24 June 2021 Intersessional Meetings were made available on the Convention's website. This included recordings of the panel discussions in Arabic, English, French, Spanish and Russian.

34. The ISU carried out efforts to maintain its documentation centre. However, due to limited human resources the work to upkeep the documentation centre continues.

Mandate #6: "Liaise, and coordinate as appropriate, with relevant international organisations that participate in the work of the Convention, including the ICBL, the ICRC, the UN and the GICHD"

35. The ISU continued its collaboration with mine action stakeholders including non-governmental organizations and United Nations agencies including GICHD, HALO Trust, ICBL, ICRC, MAG, NPA, UNDP, UNHCR and UNMAS. The ISU continued its participation in different working groups and bodies including the IMAS Review Board, Mine Action AOR and the Mine Action Support Group. The ISU continued to liaise with the different disarmament Convention Secretariates.

36. The ISU also carried out efforts to strengthen their working relationship with other international partners such as the African Union, the ASEAN Regional Mine Action Centre, the Organization of American States, and the International Parliamentarian Union.

Extra budgetary activities

37. Since 2017, the ISU has been implementing an EU Council Decision in support of the Implementation of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention and the Maputo Action Plan. Staff costs for implementation of the project are covered by the EU Council Decision. The project totals EUR 2,303,274.47 to be carried out over a period of three years from 30 October 2017 – 30 October 2020. Due to the ongoing global pandemic the EU granted the ISU a no-cost extension until 28 February 2021 for implementation of the project. Implementation in the final years proved extremely challenging due to the ongoing pandemic.

38. On 10-11 February 2021, in collaboration with the Organization of American States (OAS), the ISU supported a dialogue entitled *The Americas as an Antipersonnel-Land-Mine-Free Zone; Support for mine action in Ecuador, Peru*. The event was aimed at drawing attention to the remaining challenge

to attain a mine free region in the Americas with a particular focus on the last steps to reach completion in Ecuador and Peru. The event included opening remarks from high level speakers including the Secretary General of the OAS.³

39. On 22-24 February 2021 the ISU supported the Colombia Government in hosting a *National Dialogue: Strengthening the Participation and Inclusion of Victims of Anti-Personnel Mines and other Unexploded Ordnance (UXO)* with the aim of supporting the capacity building efforts of a nascent national survivor network through the hosting of a national dialogue.⁴ The event also provided a platform for the government to receive input concerning the established “pathway” (Ruta) to support mine survivors.

40. In order to continue assisting mine affected States Parties in advancing their commitments related to survey and clearance and mine risk education and reduction under the Convention and the OAP, the European Union Council adopted Decision 2021/257. This Decision builds on the past Decision (2017/1428), which the ISU, as the Decision’s technical implementer, carried out from October 2017 to February 2021. Staff costs for implementation of the project are covered by the EU Council Decision. The project totals EUR 2,658,139 to be carried out over a period of four years from 2021–2025.

41. In 2021, the ISU has raised awareness of the Project and has engaged a number of States Parties that were engaged under the initial Project but that, due to the global pandemic, were unable to take advantage of EU support. A number of activities are envisaged for in the fourth quarter of 2021 and the first quarter of 2022.

Gender and diversity:

42. In 2021, the ISU continued to implement its gender and diversity action plan, which aims to ensure consistent gender and diversity mainstreaming in all ISU activities. Examples of how the ISU seeks to achieve this goal include:

- a. advising those being supported by the ISU in convening meetings, workshops and conferences on the importance of ensuring, to the extent possible, that both men and women of different ages and backgrounds, including women and men with disabilities, are able to participate and that there is gender and regional balance in terms of panellists;
- b. conducting accessibility verifications prior to engaging in the use of any meeting facility;
- c. proposing that invitation letters to meetings, workshops and conferences encourage diverse participation;
- d. ensuring that the principal tools used by the ISU in supporting States Parties continue to take into account age and gender;
- e. advising States Parties in preparing Article 5 extension requests on the collection and analysis of sex and age disaggregated data and information; and
- f. continuing to place an increasing emphasis on ISU staff using gender and age sensitive language that promotes a positive and inclusive image of women and men with disabilities.

43. The ISU recognises the importance and is committed to ensuring that gender and diversity issues are considered in every aspect of our work.

³ Information on the regional dialogue can be found on the Convention’s website: <https://www.apminebanconvention.org/eu-council-decisions/eucd-2017-2020-extended-to-feb-2021/organization-of-american-states/>

⁴ Information on the event can be found on the Convention’s website: <https://www.apminebanconvention.org/eu-council-decisions/eucd-2017-2020-extended-to-feb-2021/colombia-national-victim-assistance-dialogue/>

44. In 2021, in cooperation with the Sponsorship Programme Coordinator, Australia, the ISU continues its efforts to strengthen the language concerning substantial participation during the Convention's informal and formal meeting in sponsorship letters to encourage delegations to consider an appropriate gender balance and role in their delegations. Unfortunately, due to the ongoing global pandemic no sponsorship was possible for the 22-24 June 2021 Intersessional Meetings. The sponsorship programme communication for the 19MSP contained the same encouragement in this regard.

Staffing:

45. As of 31 August 2021, the staffing of the ISU consists of 3.6 full time equivalent staff positions including a Director (100%), Implementation Support Specialist (60%), and 2 Implementation Support Officers (100%).

46. The ISU also includes 1 full time EU Council Decision Project and Communications Manager. This position is fully funded by the EU Project (2021-2025).

Finances:

Implementation Support Unit Work Plan and Budget 2021

47. The ISU's 2021 work plan projected expenditures for core support in 2021 totalling **CHF 713'568**. In 2021 the ISU has received contributions to its 2021 work plan totalling **CHF 361'386** from the following 16 States Parties – Algeria, Australia, Austria, Canada, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Finland, Ireland, Japan, the Netherlands, Slovenia, Sudan, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey and the United Kingdom (See Table 1). Additional States Parties including France, Germany, Italy, Norway, Spain and Sweden have pledged to contribute to the ISU in 2021. Furthermore **CHF 325'447** was carried over from 2020. Expenses of the ISU in 2021, to 1 October, total **CHF 491'601** (See Table 2).

48. In accordance with the "Decision on strengthening financial governance and transparency within the ISU", over the course of 2021, the ISU prepared quarterly reports to the Coordinating Committee on finances and activities related to the implementation of the ISU's 2021 work plan.

Financial Security Buffer

49. Concerning the establishment of a Financial Security Buffer, the "Decision on strengthening financial governance and transparency within the ISU" indicates that the budgetary estimates of the first four-year work plan and the yearly budget shall provide for the gradual build-up of a financial security buffer of an amount equivalent to one year of ISU expenditures related to core support. This aim has been achieved.

50. Additionally, the "Decision on strengthening financial governance and transparency within the ISU" indicates that shortly after the closure of the accounts of a given year, the ISU shall provide the Coordination Committee with the financial situation resulting from the implementation of the yearly budget of the preceding year. When contributions have covered the expenditures related to core support provided for in that budget and leave a surplus, that surplus shall be provisionally placed in the financial security buffer. In 2020 no surplus was provisionally placed in the financial security buffer at the end of 2020 totalled **CHF 784'040**. (See Table 4).

51. The decision further indicates that, at the next occasion, as part of the yearly budget approval process, the Meeting of the States Parties or the Review Conference shall decide on how to

apportion the surplus. The decision also indicates that expenditures related to enhanced support can be financed from surplus financial means not needed for the financial security buffer if the Meeting of the States Parties or the Review Conference so decides in the course of the yearly budget approval process. The 18MSP approved the apportion of the 2019 ISU Trust Fund surplus in a manner that ensures that (a) the financial security buffer contains an amount equivalent to one year of expenditures related to core support as provided for in the ISU yearly budget and that (b) any additional surplus be allocated to implement the ISU Work Plan.

Administrative support provided by the GICHD to the ISU and the States Parties in 2021

52. In accordance with the agreement on implementation support, which was signed by the 10MSP President and the GICHD Director on 6 September 2011, the GICHD continued in 2021 to provide infrastructure and administrative support for the operations of the ISU.

53. In addition, the GICHD continued to support the organisation of the intersessional meetings by covering the cost of the platform employed, interpretation and providing support staff.

54. Furthermore, GICHD support to the ISU includes human resources management, financial management, monitoring and controlling (including for the European Council Decision in support to the implementation of the Maputo Action Plan), office space and general logistics, information and communication services, travel services, and the fees relating to the hosting of the website. These support services are funded by Switzerland's core contribution to the GICHD to cover the cost of housing the ISU.

Table 1: Financing of the ISU's 2021 work plan (to 1 October 2021)

Contributions Received		CHF
1	Algeria	5'432
2	Australia	83'939 ⁵
3	Austria	10'818
4	Canada	48'985 ⁶
5	Costa Rica	4'525
6	Cyprus	5'404
7	Finland	10'790
8	Ireland	21'565
9	Japan	24'198
10	Netherlands	43'670
11	Slovenia	5'426
12	Sudan	1'000
13	Switzerland	52'011
14	Thailand	10'000
15	Turkey	1'848
16	United Kingdom	31'775
Total contributions 2021		361'386
Carry over 2020		325'447
Total		686'833

Table 2: ISU 2021 work plan expenses (to 1 October 2021)

Core Support - Expenses	CHF
Staff costs	466'460
Staff Travel	3'017
Communication, public relations and other support costs	22'124
Total	491'601

⁵ Includes CHF 83'939 of the 2020 - 2021 annual agreement with Australia allotted to 2021. For agreements covering more than the calendar year, contributions received are adjusted at the end of the year.

⁶ Includes CHF 48'985 of the 2020 - 2021 annual agreement with Canada allotted to 2021. For agreements covering more than the calendar year, contributions received are adjusted at the end of the year.

Table 3: Financial Security Buffer (to 1 October 2021)

Allocation to the Financial Security Buffer 2015-2018	
Belgium	CHF 359'832
Estonia	CHF 2,624
Netherlands	CHF 12'065
Switzerland	CHF 10'000
Total contributions to financial Security Buffer	CHF384'521
Surplus 2016	CHF 225'440
Total of the Security Buffer 31.12.2016	CHF 609'961
Surplus 2017	CHF 202'471
Total of the Security Buffer 31.12.2017	CHF 812'432
Expenditures Enhanced Support 2018	-CHF 74'029
Surplus 2018	CHF 248'110 ⁷
Total of the Security Buffer 31.12.2018	CHF 986'512
Expenditures Enhanced Support 2019	-CHF 106'933
Allotment to the ISU Work Plan 2019	- CHF 95'538
Surplus 2019	CHF 222'734
Total of the Security Buffer 31.12.2019	CHF 1'006'774
Allotment to the ISU Work Plan 2021	-CHF 222'734
⁸Total of the Security Buffer 31.12.2020	CHF 784'040

⁷ At the 18MSP, the Conference approved the apportion of the 2019 ISU Trust Fund surplus in a manner that ensures that (a) the financial security buffer contains an amount equivalent to one year of expenditures related to core support as provided for in the ISU yearly budget and that (b) any additional surplus be allocated to implement the ISU Work Plan.

The Committees of the Convention

Presidency - The Netherlands



Four Committees work in support of the implementation of the Convention and provide assistance to States Parties in fulfilling their commitments, in particular those contained in the OAP.

- I. [The Committee on Article 5 Implementation](#) works to intensify efforts particularly those outlined in the OAP, to ensure that Article 5 of the Convention (clearing mined areas) is fully implemented as soon as possible.

Committee Chair:  Zambia | 2020-2021

Members:  Belgium | 2021-2022

 Norway | 2020-2021

 Sri Lanka | 2021-2022

- II. [The Committee on Cooperative Compliance](#) assists the States Parties in acting upon their commitment under Article 8.1 of the Convention to work together in a spirit of cooperation to facilitate compliance in a supportive and amicable manner.

Committee Chair:  The Netherlands | 2020

Members:  Chile | 2021-2022  Poland | 2020-2021

 Panama | 2020-2021  Spain | 2021-2022

- III. [The Committee on Victim Assistance](#) supports the States Parties in their national efforts to strengthen and advance victim assistance, particularly in States Parties with mine victims in areas under their jurisdiction or control.

Committee Chair:  Thailand | 2020-2021

Members:  Algeria | 2021-2022

 Ecuador | 2021-2022

 Sweden | 2020-2021

IV. [The Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance](#) supports the States Parties in the full implementation of Article 6 of the Convention, in line with their reaffirmation that ending the suffering and casualties caused by anti-personnel mines is a shared commitment.

Committee Chair  Colombia | 2010-2021

Members  Germany | 2020-2021

 Japan | 2021-2022

 Sudan | 2021-2022

[The Coordinating Committee](#)

The Coordinating Committee coordinates the work flowing from and related to formal and informal meetings of the States Parties and also fulfils responsibilities related to the accountability of the ISU. The Coordinating Committee is composed of the Convention's President, the President-designate and the members of the Committee on Article 5 Implementation, the Committee on Cooperative Compliance, the Committee on Victim Assistance, and the Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance.

The Coordinating Committee invites the United Nations, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL) and the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD) as observers.

The incoming President and the Sponsorship Programme Coordinator also participate in the work of the Coordinating Committee.