

Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention Implementation Support Unit

Financial Update

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Delivered by the Director of the Implementation Support Unit

Thank you very much Madam President.

The ISU is mandated to report orally to informal and formal meetings.

For those not familiar with the Implementation Support Unit or ISU. The ISU today totals 3.6 full time equivalent people.

Our aim is to provide independent advice, implementation support and information concerning the Convention to the States Parties – we are responsive and responsible to you.

With support from Switzerland the ISU is housed within the GICHD and our personnel and activities are Funded on a voluntary basis by States Parties.

I take this opportunity to thank Switzerland for this support as well as the GICHD Director, Ambassador Tobias Privitelli.

2024 Finances

The ISU's 2024 work plan projected expenditures totaling **CHF 769'810**.

Expenditures in 2024 totaled **CHF 758'348**.

We were grateful for the contributions from 24 States Parties including – Algeria, Australia, Austria, Cambodia, Canada, Cyprus, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Mexico, the Netherlands, Norway, Peru, Portugal, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey and the United Kingdom.

These contributions totaled CHF 546 164. With expenditures at CHF 758'348, thankfully, ISUs deferred contribution from 2023 were sufficient to fill the gap.

Additionally, as you may know the ISU has a financial security buffer which, at the moment the security buffer contains an equivalent of 758 665 CHF.

According to the decision of the States Parties at the Fourteenth Meeting of the States Parties –the financial security buffer shall be maintained so as to carry at all times an amount equivalent to one year of expenditures related to core support as provided

for in the yearly budget and guarantee the basic operation of the ISU for any foreseeable year.

In this regard it has fallen slightly below the level agreed to by the States Parties and must be replenished.

2025 Finance

At the Fifth Review Conference in November 2024, the States Parties adopted the ISU's Work Plan and Budget for 2025-2029 as well as the annual budget for 2025 which is aligned with the 5 year work plan with an estimated budget of CHF 775'684, to cover salaries of staff member and activities of the ISU.

I will not go through the 2025 work plan, as the work plan was adopted by States Parties and has been made available to you on the Convention's website and our activities are in line with the mandate give to us by the States Parties.

However, I would like to point out some of the key objectives of the ISU work plan this year which also takes into:

- Firstly, in accordance with our mandate, one of our main objectives in 2025 is to provide support to the President.
- Secondly, we will continue implementing our mandate of supporting the Convention's four Committees in their efforts to implement their respective mandates related to mine clearance, victim assistance, cooperation and assistance and compliance, in line with the priorities they have established for 2025.
- The ISU also continues providing support to individual States Parties in the implementation of their Convention obligations and their commitments under the Siem Reap-Angkor Plan. This includes supporting their effort to report on their progress in implementation and in addressing challenges faced in implementation.

At present ISU expenditures in 2025 total approximately 276'000 CHF.

I take this opportunity to thank States Parties that have provided a contribution to the Information Systems Unit for its 2025 work plan including: Australia, Canada, Germany, Japan, the Netherlands, Peru, Switzerland, Thailand and Türkiye.

These State together have contributed a total approximately 289'983 CHF.

During the pledging conference early this year we also heard from a number of States such as Algeria, Estonia, Germany, Italy and Norway concerning continued support the Unit.

As the ISU depends on your voluntary contribution, we ask that States Parties act upon Action 10 which indicates that States Parties in a position to do so will consider providing voluntary contributions for the effective operation of the ISU, making multi-year commitments where feasible, in accordance with the ISU's five-year work plan.

It's essential that the ISU receive sufficient funding this year to ensure that the 2025 workplan is fully funded. As well as the replenishing of the security buffer. We cannot rely this year on funding deferred from 2024.

Should you need any information to facilitate a contribution to our work, even a small symbolic contribution, please do not hesitate to contact the ISU.

I also want to clarify that not all ISU's operate the same, and in terms of financing, our salaries and activist are not covered by the assessed contributions but we depend on voluntary funding, which is different than other ISUs.

In addition to the activities highlighted in our work plan, the ISU is honored to be in the process of implementing the fifth EU Project in support of the implementation of the Convention. This action will support the implementation of the Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan. The EU Project includes funding for personnel to implement the Action, including a Project manager and Project Assistance which join the ISU to ensure the project's success.

We are looking forward to implementing a number of activities in the next four years in support of the States Parties implementation efforts at the request of States Parties and in coordination with the President and the Convention's committees as well as Convention stakeholders.

We look forward to keeping everyone informed about our efforts in this regard.

The doors of the ISU are of course always open for any information you would like concerning the operation of the Information Systems Unit.

Thank you, Madam President.