

**Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling and Transfer of
Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction**

**Standing Committee of Experts
on the General Status and Operation of the Convention**

May 29-30, 2000

Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining
7bis, av. de la Paix - Geneva

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I. General Aspects

This meeting should serve to consolidate the work plan recommended by the SCE in January. The purpose of the meeting should be to review reports related to this work plan and make final recommendations to the Second Meeting of the States Parties (SMSP). In addition, this meeting should make final recommendations with respect to preparations for the SMSP.

Notes:

- The co-chairs are planning for a two-day meeting rather than a three-day meeting as originally proposed.
- States parties are reminded of the recommendations that states provide voluntary reports to the May meeting of the committee on (a) mines retained for training and development and (b) national implementation measures.

II. Agenda

Monday, May 29, 2000:

Matters pertaining to the General Status and Operation of the Convention

- 09h00 Opening of the meeting by the co-chairs and rapporteurs
- 09h15 Brief reports on the actions taken and recommendations made by the other four standing committees
- Mine Clearance
 - Victim Assistance, Socio-Economic Reintegration and Mine Awareness
 - Stockpile Destruction
 - Technologies for Mine Action
- 09h45 An overview of the general status and operation of the Convention: Assessing progress in the implementation of the Convention
- Landmine casualties: Peter Herby, International Committee of the Red Cross
 - Meeting the needs of landmine victims: Becky Jordan, Landmine Survivors Network and the ICBL Working Group on Victim Assistance
 - The status of the ban on AP mines from the perspective of the Landmine Monitor Initiative: Steve Goose, Human Rights Watch and the International Campaign to Ban Landmines

11h00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11h15	<p>A review of work undertaken with respect to Article 7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The status of reporting under Article 7: Carolyn Cooper, UN Department of Disarmament Affairs • A review of proposed recommendations with respect to the Article 7 reporting process: Kerry Brinkert, Canada • Views from the ICBL: Mary Wareham, Human Rights Watch and the ICBL <p>A review of work undertaken with respect to Article 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter Herby, International Committee of the Red Cross • Views from the ICBL: Steve Goose, Human Rights Watch and the ICBL
13h00	<i>Lunch</i>
15h00	<p>A review of work undertaken on matters pertaining to Article 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The status of use of the database <i>Mine Action Investments</i>: John Ennis, UN Mine Action Service • A general overview of assistance for mine action: John Ennis, UN Mine Action Service • A focus on resources for victim assistance: Anne Capelle, Handicap International and the ICBL Working Groups on Victim Assistance and Mine Action
16h00	<p>A review of work undertaken on matters pertaining to Article 8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A review of proposed recommendations with respect to the operationalization of the Article: Bob Lawson, Canada
16h30	<i>Coffee break</i>
16h45	<p>A review of work undertaken on proposed recommendations for the post-Second Meeting of States Parties' intersessional work program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steffen Kongstad, Norway
17h30	Meeting adjourns
18h30	Reception hosted by the Director of the GICHD <i>Restaurant Vieux-Bois, av. de la Paix 12</i>

Tuesday, May 30, 2000:

Matters pertaining to the Second Meeting of the States Parties (SMSP)

10h00	<p>A review of preparations for the Second Meeting of the States Parties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A review of recommendations made at the January meeting of the SCE • Draft agenda and program • Recommendation for the Presidency of the SMSP • The location of the Third Meeting of the States Parties • A review of logistical and financial matters with respect to the SMSP: Carolyn Cooper, UN Department of Disarmament Affairs • A report on preparations for events the week of the SMSP: Ambassador Christian Faessler, Switzerland (or designate)
11h15	<i>Coffee break</i>

Matters pertaining to the General Status and Operation of the Convention (continued)

- 11h30 A review of work undertaken with respect to Article 3
- Voluntary reports on mines retained for development and training: Kerry Brinkert, Canada; Alexander Verbeek, Netherlands
 - Views from the ICBL: Christian Ruge, Norwegian Peoples Aid and the International Campaign to Ban Landmines
- A review of work undertaken with respect to Article 9
- Voluntary reports on national implementation measures: Socorro Rovirosa Priego, Mexico; Peter Borner, United Kingdom
 - Views from the ICBL: Liz Bernstein or Susan Walker
- 13h00 *Lunch*
- 15h00 Continued discussion on matters pertaining to the General Status and Operation of the Convention and on matters pertaining to the Second Meeting of the States Parties (if necessary)
- A review of matters recommended to the SMSP
- 16h30 *Coffee break*
- 16h45 Continued discussion (if necessary)
- 18h00 Meeting ends