

Suggestion for solidifying the inclusion of landmine victims within the Standing Committees of the Mine Ban Treaty

Long-term goal	To develop a core group of landmine victims, 6-12 individuals, who will participate in the Standing Committees and the annual Meetings of States Parties to the Mine Ban Treaty to represent the perspective of landmine victims.
Participation	Landmine victims from mine-affected countries. Individuals, family members, and community members, with preference in initial stages for direct victims. Coverage should include all mine-affected regions of the world.
Lead role within SCs	Co-Chairs and Co-Rapporteurs of SC on VASERMA
Lead role within ICBL	Working Group on Victim Assistance (WGVA)
Coordination	Facilitator of the ICBL-WGVA volunteers to coordinate this activity in coalition style, meaning decisions will be made by consensus with input from all orgs and government reps who choose to be involved. Ultimate decision-making authority will rest with the SC-VASERMA Co-Chairs.
Criteria for selection	To be developed by committee. Candidates should be proposed by organizations involved in Victim Assistance or from organizations of persons with disabilities in mine-affected countries.

Process	<p>Leadership training for landmine victims:</p> <p>a) Trainees will come to Geneva three days before each Intersessional Work Session to be briefed on the issues to be covered in each Standing Committee. They will sit through the sessions, and then participate in post-session discussions to discuss and process the session.</p> <p>b) Trainees will decide what steps they can take to further Intersessional Work goals between sessions and will receive guidance to plan their activities.</p> <p>c) Trainees will be in contact with each other and with relevant counterparts in the Standing Committees and the ICBL between sessions.</p> <p>d) It should be expected that the level of participation of the landmine victims will increase over time according to the interests and skills of the individuals.</p> <p>e) It is suggested that a core group of trainees be consistent participants, i.e. that they come to each Intersessional Session over a period of one-two years. Other slots could be rotating slots, so that part of the group will have some exposure to the process, and part of the group will have a thorough and in-depth knowledge of the issues.</p>
Funding	GICHD? SCs? Government missions? NGO contributions? ???
Budget	\$9,000 US per person per year (excluding coordinator's time, excluding translation costs)

Estimated Budget

- Air fare: 3x/year round-trip home – Geneva or MSP: \$4,500
 - Accomodation: 10 days/trip x 3trips/year: \$3,000
 - Meals: \$30 x 10 days/trip = \$300/trip x 3 trips/year: \$ 900
 - Per diem: \$ 450
 - On-site transportation: \$ 50
 - Training materials: \$ 50
 - Between session communication: \$ 20
- Total per person per year \$9,000