



Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer
of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction

INTERSESSIONAL PROGRAMME 2002-2003

**AGENDA FOR THE WEEK OF STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS
3-7 February 2003**

**Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining
Room A, avenue de la Paix (WMO Building), Geneva**

MONDAY 3 FEBRUARY

Briefing for new Standing Committee Participants

10:00 All new participants are encouraged to attend a general orientation to the week of meetings

10:40 Coffee is served

Official opening of the week of Standing Committee meetings

11:00 Remarks by the President of the Fourth Meeting of the States Parties and the Director of the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining

Standing Committee on the General Status and Operation of the Convention

11:15 Opening of the meeting by the Co-Chairs

Overview of the general status of implementation

- Update on implementation and on the application of the President's Action Programme: Ambassador Jean Lint, President of the Fourth Meeting of the States Parties
- Discussion

Overview of the general status of universalization

- Shannon Smith, Canada, Coordinator of the Universalization Contact Group
- Panel presentation on the use of regional and other forums to promote universalization
- Discussion, including an opportunity for interventions by States not Parties with respect to their efforts to proceed with formal acceptance of the Convention

13:00 Break for lunch.

15:00 Mobilising resources to achieve the Convention's humanitarian aims

- Knut Langeland, Norway, Coordinator of the Resource Mobilisation Contact Group
- Discussion

Coffee is served

Overview of Article 7 reporting

- Update on reporting and on the information contained in the reports: Ambassador Jean Lint, Coordinator of the Article 7 Contact Group
- Discussion

Matters pertaining to the general operations of the Convention

- Update on the Coordinating Committee: Ambassador Jean Lint, President of the Fourth Meeting of the States Parties
- Update on the Implementation Support Unit: Ambassador Martin Dahinden, Director of the GICHD, and, Kerry Brinkert, Manager of the Implementation Support Unit
- Update on the Sponsorship Programme: John Wattam (United Kingdom), Coordinator of the Sponsorship Programme
- Discussion

18:00 Standing Committee meeting adjourns until Friday morning.

TUESDAY 4 FEBRUARY

Standing Committee on Victim Assistance and Socio-Economic Reintegration

10:00 Opening of the meeting by the Co-Chairs

Overview of the status of implementation

- Discussion

National updates on implementation

- An opportunity for updates from States Parties with respect to the problems they face, their plans, progress and priorities for assistance.
- Discussion

13:00 Break for lunch.

15:00 Introduction of the participants of the *Raising the Voices* initiative.

Exchange of views on regional efforts

- Updates provided by various actors involved in recent regional activities.
- Discussion

Reflections on funding sustainability

- An opportunity for donors to share information on their activities as well as for all actors to discuss the tools available to assist States Parties in meeting their obligations.
- Discussion

Maximizing the Standing Committee as a vehicle for cooperation and assistance

- General discussion on the participation in the work of the Standing Committee of key international actors involved in fields that relate to meeting the needs of landmine survivors

17:20 Co-Chairs' closing remarks

18:00 Meeting ends.

Reception

18:15 Reception hosted by the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining

- Attique Restaurant, WMO Building

WEDNESDAY 5 FEBRUARY

Standing Committee on Mine Clearance, Mine Risk Education and Mine Action Technologies

10:00 Opening of the meeting by the Co-Chairs

General overview of the status of implementation

- Update on implementation (Co-Chairs)
- Update on progress made and challenges faced (ICBL Mine Action Working Group)

Updates from mine affected States Parties on the status of implementation

- An opportunity for updates from States Parties with respect to the problems they face, their plans, progress and priorities for assistance

11:30 Coffee Break

11:45 Updates from mine affected States Parties on the status of implementation (continued)

Updates from those in a position to do so regarding assistance and cooperation

- An opportunity for updates from States Parties and others regarding their plans, efforts and initiatives in assisting mine affected States Parties in implementing Article 5 of the Convention.

13:00 Break for lunch.

15:00 Lessons from Mine Action in Cambodia

- A detailed case study of Cambodia's experience in mine action will be provided with a view to extracting relevant lessons for other countries

Updates from those in a position to do so regarding assistance and cooperation (continued from the morning session, if necessary)

16:45 Coffee break

17:00 Survey of progress made and ongoing work in mine action technologies

Closing remarks by the Co-Chairs

18:00 Meeting ends.

THURSDAY 6 FEBRUARY

Standing Committee on Stockpile Destruction

10:00 Opening of the meeting by the Co-Chairs

An overview of the status of stockpile destruction since the 4th Meeting of the States Parties

- Co-Chairs' presentation on progress for stockpile destruction
- Global overview of stockpile destruction (Steve Goose, International Campaign to Ban Landmines / Landmine Monitor)

Update on Stockpile Destruction Implementation

- Presentations by States Parties with destruction deadlines in 2003 and beyond (Note: All states parties are encouraged to participate in the meeting and present on the progress of national stockpile destruction and future plans for destruction)
- Presentation of States Parties experiencing difficulties in meeting their deadlines in 2003

- 11:00 Coffee break
- 11:30 Update on assistance and cooperation
- Co-Chair's Presentation of assistance and cooperation efforts with respect to countries with destruction deadlines in 2003
 - Presentation of the efforts of the Contact Group and of other efforts
 - Opportunity for interventions by State Parties and others (Note: All State Parties and interested organizations are encouraged to share their needs for, and ideas pertaining to the provision of, assistance and cooperation regarding stockpile destruction.)
 - Discussion
- 13:00 Break for lunch.
- 15:00 Matters of a thematic nature related to stockpile destruction: Technical and organisation aspects relating to implementation
- Industrial scale stockpile destruction:
 - Decentralized stockpile destruction
 - Environmental Aspects /Recycling of components
 - PfM mines
- Discussion
- 16:30 Coffee break
- 16:45 Issues related to post-destruction activities
- Retained stockpiles
 - Presentation of States Parties
 - Management Uses, Depletion Rate, Replacement, possible alternative technologies approaches
 - Knowledge Base for Stockpile Destruction for use by future states parties
- Discussion
- Concluding remarks (Co-chairs)
- 18:00 Meeting ends.

FRIDAY 7 FEBRUARY

Update on the President's Consultations

- 10:00 Update on the President's consultations on developing a process to prepare for the First Review Conference
- Update provided by Ambassador Jean Lint, President of the Fourth Meeting of the States Parties
- 10:30 Coffee is served.

Standing Committee on the General Status and Operation of the Convention

- 10:45 Reconvening of the meeting by the Co-Chairs
- Updates by Contact Group Coordinators (if necessary)

Preparations for the Fifth Meeting of the States Parties

- Discussion of administrative arrangements: Draft agenda, programme, rules of procedure and cost estimates
- Update on logistical arrangements and side events: Thailand

Experiences in implementing Article 1

- An opportunity for States Parties to share, how in operational terms, Article 1 of the Convention is being implemented.

Experiences in implementing Article 2

- An opportunity for States Parties to share how, in legal and / or operational terms, Article 2 of the Convention is being implemented.

Addressing the humanitarian impact of mines that may pose similar risks to civilian populations as anti-personnel mines

- An opportunity for States Parties to share steps taken, and to discuss possible approaches including best practices, to reduce the humanitarian impact of mines that may pose similar risks to civilian populations as anti-personnel mines.

13:00 Lunch break

15:00 Updates on implementation of Article 3

- An opportunity for States Parties to provide brief updates related to Article 3.

Update on the dialogue related to the facilitation and clarification of compliance

- Update provided by Canada

Matters pertaining to compliance concerns

Updates on implementation of Article 9

- An opportunity for States Parties to share updates on legal, administrative and other measures taken in accordance with Article 9.

Closing remarks by the Co-Chairs, President and the Director of the GICHD

18:00 Meeting ends.