



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

INTERSESSIONAL WORK PROGRAMME 2001 – 2002

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON VICTIM ASSISTANCE AND
SOCIO-ECONOMIC REINTEGRATION
January 28-29, 2002**

*Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining
(WMO, 7 bis, avenue de la Paix, Geneva – Room A)*

**Co-chairs: Canada and Honduras
Co-rapporteurs: Colombia and France**

Agenda

Monday, 28 January 2002

Introduction

The Standing Committee on Victim Assistance and Socio-Economic Reintegration has made significant progress in achieving its mandate to identify practical means to assist States in meeting their obligations under Article 6.3 of the Convention. This is due in large part to the leadership of the past Co-Chairs as well as the various inputs of individual States Parties and non-governmental and international organizations. Aside from the important exchanges of information during each meeting, the Standing Committee has made a difference by articulating agreed principles on matters such as the definitions of “landmine victim” and “victim assistance”, and the relationship of victim assistance to broader health care and disability issues. In addition, the Standing Committee has done an admirable job in promoting discussions on best practices and in undertaking initiatives such as the “Raising the Voices” project and the identification of focal points.

Looking to the future, the challenges faced by the Standing Committee are vast in continuing to make an effective contribution to helping States Parties fulfill their obligations under Article 6.3. The field of victim assistance is extremely broad, with many elements, participants and diverse linkages into other areas such as health care, economic and social development, and human rights. There is no shortage of opportunities to act. However, in order to ensure that the work of the Standing Committee remains relevant, effective and efficient, there is a need to focus efforts and ensure that the Standing Committee has direction. By the time of the 2004 Review Conference there will be an expectation that progress will have been made. Therefore, the Co-Chairs would be grateful if meeting participants could give due attention to: identifying concrete progress that can be made by 2004 and beyond; sharing relevant ways and means that this progress can be made; and, identifying the Standing Committee’s particular role in contributing to this progress.

Structure of the Agenda

The agenda has been loosely broken down into three types of agenda items. First, the meeting is scheduled to begin with an overview of recent efforts to promote both the ongoing effectiveness of the Standing Committee and a particular methodology and process for making a difference in affected countries. Second, presentations will be made to share with meeting participants important information on the state of victim assistance around the world. Third, an opportunity has been provided for discussions on various categories for action that have been identified and used by organizations like the ICBL Working Group on Victim Assistance and Handicap International.

The Co-Chairs would be grateful if meeting participants could ensure that interventions made are consistent with the agenda item being discussed at any particular time. However, the Co-Chairs are also cognizant that some meeting participants may wish to intervene on matters that do not appear on the agenda. To accommodate such interventions, the Co-Chairs have scheduled an agenda item entitled, “an opportunity for interventions on other matters.” Individuals wishing to speak during this agenda item should contact the Co-Chairs in order that a speakers list can be established.

Morning Session

9:00 Coffee served

9:30 General Welcoming remarks by Representative of the President of the Third Meeting of States Parties (Nicaragua) and by the Director of the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD)

10:00 Meeting opens: Welcome and introduction by the Co-chairs

A review of achievements that have been made and agreed principles pertaining to victim assistance

- Ms. Cecilia Sanchez, Nicaragua – Past-Co-Chair of the Standing Committee
- ➔ An opportunity for questions and discussion.

Summary outcomes from the planning Workshop of SCVA that took place in Ottawa, Canada, October 29-30, 2001

- Ms. Mélanie Régimbal, Standing Committee Co-Chair, Canada
- Mr. Martin Barber, UNMAS: A consultative process to identify new opportunities for the SCVA
- ➔ An opportunity for questions and discussion.

11:30 Coffee break

11:45 Coffee break ends

South East Asia Regional Workshop on Victim Assistance: A summary of the methodology, process and outcomes

- Mr. Pascal Torres, Handicap International: Methodological overview
- Mr. Ouk Sisovann, Disability Action Centre, Cambodia: National processes
- Mrs. V. Vanno, Director of Political Division of the Department of International Organizations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Thailand

- An opportunity for questions and discussion.

Enhancing the inclusion of landmine survivors: An Update on the Raising the Voices of Landmine Survivors initiative.

- Dr. Raquel Willerman, Landmine Survivors Network
- An opportunity for questions and discussion.

13:00 Break for lunch

Afternoon session

Measuring progress in implementing the Convention

- Video presentation by Handicap International
- Ms. Sheree Bailey, Landmine Monitor Victim Assistance Coordinator
- Ms. Eva Sandborg, World Health Organization: State responses to the UN Standard Rules on the equalization of opportunities for persons with disabilities
- An opportunity for questions and discussion.

Critical issues and advancements in the medical care of landmine survivors

- ICRC: Sharing the lessons learned for the ICRC's program in Afghanistan
- Ms. Liz Hobbs, author, *Life after injury: a rehabilitation manual for the injured and their helpers*
- An opportunity for questions and discussion.

16:45 Coffee break

17:00 Coffee break ends

Critical issues and advancements in the psychological and social rehabilitation of landmine survivors

- Dr. Raquel Willerman, Landmine Survivors Network
- Mr. Sebastian Kasack, Medico International
- An opportunity for questions and discussion.

18:00 Adjournment

Tuesday, 29 January 2002

Morning session

9:00 Coffee served

9:30 Meeting reconvenes

Critical issues and advancements in the physical rehabilitation of landmine survivors.

- Ms. Rosy Cave, Landmine Action UK: Configuring users and redefining relations – The utility of prosthetic innovations
- Ms. Becky Jordan, Landmine Survivors Network: Issues in prosthetics and orthotics and recommendations on the way forward.
- ➔ An opportunity for questions and discussion.

Human Rights and Disability

- Ms. Socorro Rovirosa, Mexico: A convention for the rights of persons with disabilities
- Mr. William Schabas, Irish Centre for Human Rights, National University of Ireland: Tracks towards the development of the rights of landmine victims
- ➔ An opportunity for questions and discussion.

11:15 Coffee break

11:30 Coffee break ends

An opportunity for interventions on other matters

- Note: Meeting participants who wish to speak should contact one of the Co-Chairs.
- ➔ An opportunity for questions and discussion.

12:50 Closing remarks by Co-Chairs

13:00 Meeting ends