



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

**INTERSESSIONAL PROGRAMME 2002-2003**

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**AGENDA FOR THE WEEK OF STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS  
12-16 May 2003**

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

**MONDAY 12 MAY**

**President's consultations on developing a process to prepare for the First Review Conference**

10:00 (As these consultations are not part of the work of one of the Standing Committees, for information please see the separate notice distributed by the President on 24 April 2003.)

13:00 Break for lunch.

**Official opening of the week of Standing Committee meetings**

15:00 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**

15:15 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: President of the Fourth Meeting of the States Parties

Overview of the general status of universalization

- Coordinator of the Universalization Contact Group (Canada)
- Panel presentation on the work of diverse actors in promoting acceptance of the Convention.
- Discussion, including an opportunity for interventions by States not Parties with respect to their efforts to proceed with formal acceptance of the Convention

Mobilising resources to achieve the Convention's humanitarian aims

- Coordinator of the Resource Mobilisation Contact Group (Norway)
- Panel presentation on the role of multilateral actors in resource sustainability
- Discussion

Matters pertaining to the general operations of the Convention

- Coordinating Committee Update: President of the Fourth Meeting of the States Parties
- Implementation Support Unit Update: Director of the GICHD and Manager of the Implementation Support Unit
- Sponsorship Programme Update: Programme Coordinator (United Kingdom)
- Discussion

18:00 Standing Committee meeting adjourns until Friday morning.

## **TUESDAY 13 MAY**

### **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

- Presentation by the Co-Chairs
- Views of the ICBL on the state of implementation

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. (See document #6.)
- 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

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

- 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. (See document #7.)
- Discussion

Maximizing the Standing Committee as a vehicle for cooperation and assistance

- Discussion of new ideas to involve a variety of actors in the work of the Standing Committee and updates on initiatives discussed at the last meeting

Co-Chairs' closing remarks

18:00 Meeting ends.

### **Reception**

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

- Villa Rive Belle, 266 Route de Lausanne

## **WEDNESDAY 14 MAY**

### **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. (See document #9.)

13:00 Break for lunch.

15:00 A focus on cooperation and assistance between mine affected States Parties

- A case study of the UNDP effort's to promote an exchange of expertise.
- Discussion on various efforts undertaken by mine affected States Parties and others to promote to cooperation within the mine affected world.

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.

Survey of progress made and ongoing work in mine action technologies

Closing remarks by the Co-Chairs

18:00 Meeting ends.

## **THURSDAY 15 MAY**

### **Standing Committee on Stockpile Destruction**

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

An update of the status of stockpile destruction

- Co-Chairs' presentation on progress in implementation of Article 4
- Global overview of stockpile destruction: ICBL / Landmine Monitor

Update and Presentations on Stockpile Destruction Implementation

- States Parties with deadlines between January and the 5MSP.
- States Parties with deadlines between October and December 2003.
- States Parties with deadlines in 2004.
- States Parties with deadlines beyond 2004.
- States not Parties and other entities in destroying stockpiled AP mines.

13:00 Break for lunch.

15:00 Update on assistance and cooperation

- Opportunity for interventions by State Parties and others to share their needs for, and ideas pertaining to the provision of, assistance and cooperation regarding stockpile destruction.

Matters of a thematic nature related to stockpile destruction:

- Update on matters pertaining to the destruction of PfM mines
- Discussion

Discussion of matters related to post-destruction activities

- Preservation and safeguarding of stockpile destruction information, data and lessons
- Transfer of stockpile destruction technologies, equipment and installations
- Declaration and destruction of stockpiled antipersonnel mines that are discovered after the completion of the destruction programmes
- Reporting of national stockpiles and of mines retained for training and research purposes.

Concluding remarks (Co-chairs)

18:00 Meeting ends.

## **FRIDAY 16 MAY**

### **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

- President of the Fourth Meeting of the States Parties

10:30 Break

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

10:45 Reconvening of the meeting by the Co-Chairs

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

- Discussion

Updates by Contact Group Coordinators (if necessary)

Preparations for the Fifth Meeting of the States Parties

- Discussion of administrative arrangements: Revised draft programme. (See document #4.)
- 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, as well as 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.