



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

STANDING COMMITTEE ON STOCKPILE DESTRUCTION

CO-CHAIRS' NOTES TO MEETING PARTICIPANTS

15 May 2003

An overview of the status of stockpile destruction since the 4MSP:

The agenda for the May meeting continues the work accomplished during the February meeting. The Co-Chairs will commence with an overview of the general status of implementation of Article 4 of the Convention, followed by the ICBL providing an assessment of the progress accomplished so far. An emphasis will then be placed on providing States Parties which are in the process of destroying stockpiled anti-personnel mines and those which have destroyed their mines with an opportunity to present their progress in this field.

Update on implementation:

Presentations will be made by States Parties that completed stockpile destruction since the last meeting of the Standing Committee. The Co-Chairs will then open the floor to those States Parties that are still implementing destruction programmes, beginning with States Parties that have deadlines for destruction in 2003. Presentations by State Parties and others which are confronting challenges in implementing Article 4 are strongly encouraged. Practical details on needs and difficulties, as well as possible solutions would very much be welcomed by the Co-Chairs and the donor community.

Update on assistance and co-operation:

All States Parties and relevant organizations are encouraged to participate in a dialogue aimed at enhancing the global response related to the Convention's imperative to destroy stockpiled anti-personnel mines. States Parties and organizations which have technical or other assistance to provide, or which are involved in assistance programmes, are encouraged to provide updates.

Matters of a thematic nature related to stockpile destruction – PFM Mines:

The Co-Chairs have scheduled a technical discussion designed to review matters related to the destruction of PFM mines.

Issues related to post-destruction activities:

In February the Co-Chairs sought to stimulate ideas regarding post-destruction issues by circulating a *food for thought* paper. In May, the Co-Chairs intend to discuss follow-up matters related to this paper, particularly regarding topics of interest identified by those who provided responses to the Co-Chairs' paper.