



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

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
VICTIM ASSISTANCE AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC REINTEGRATION**

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**CO-CHAIRS' NOTES TO MEETING PARTICIPANTS**

**13 May 2003**

**Introduction:**

In February, the Co-Chairs of the Standing Committee on Victim Assistance and Socio-Economic Reintegration asked the Standing Committee to build upon past achievements by now placing an increased emphasis on hearing concrete plans of action from both mine affected States Parties as well as those in a position to offer assistance. In addition, in a manner consistent with the President's Action Programme, the Co-Chairs sought to draw attention to the value of regional approaches in stimulating progress in the provision of assistance to landmine survivors.

At the 13 May 2003 meeting of the Standing Committee, the Co-Chairs intend to follow the same approach. In particular, the Co-Chairs again would like to highlight how States Parties that have a responsibility to landmine survivors in their countries can make full use of the meeting to share their national situations, plans to address them, progress made and priorities for assistance.

In the aim of assisting participants from both mine affected States and donors in contributing to this work, the Co-Chairs wish to highlight the following points:

- A questionnaire has been provided to suggest to mine affected States a framework for developing interventions regarding country situations. It provides general orientation to the matters that mine affected States Parties may most wish to highlight. That said, it is understood that States are free to structure their interventions in whatever way they wish.
- A set of questions has been prepared to help guide donors in preparing statements for the Standing Committee. Again, while participants are free to intervene as they wish, these questions may provide donors with a useful structure for providing updates.
- Participants are invited to consider ensuring that interventions made correspond with agenda items that are being discussed at any point in time. That said, there is enough generality in the agenda to ensure that it will be possible to find an appropriate place sometime during the meeting to make any desired intervention.

To assist the Co-Chairs in developing speakers lists for the points on the agenda, participants are invited to indicate their desire to speak in advance by contacting the Implementation Support Unit (email : [isu@gichd.ch](mailto:isu@gichd.ch) ; fax : 41-22-906-1690).

## **Annotated Agenda:**

### **Tuesday 13 May**

10:00 Introductory remarks by the Co-Chairs

1 - Overview of the status of implementation

*Before engaging in a discussion on specific actions and plans regarding victim assistance, the Co-Chairs will provide a brief overview of the status of implementation, with the support of non-governmental partners.*

2 - National updates on implementation

*With the aim of learning, in concrete terms, the difficulties faced mine affected States Parties, the floor will be given to these States to permit them to share their national experiences. In preparing for this agenda item, these States Parties are encouraged to make use of the document entitled, "Framework to assist mine-affected States Parties in preparing for meetings of the Standing Committee on Victim Assistance and Socio-Economic Reintegration" (Document #6).*

13:00 Break for lunch.

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

3. - Exchange of views on regional efforts

*The Co-Chairs have again scheduled an exchange of views on the topic of regional approaches being undertaken to support the efforts of States in fulfilling their national obligations to landmine survivors. Actors that announced initiatives at the last meeting may wish to provide updates and actors that did not speak in February may wish to share their experiences.*

4 – Assistance and Cooperation

*This session will provide an opportunity for donors to share their approaches to ensuring that resources are provided to support those States that need assistance in the care and rehabilitation of landmine survivors. In preparing for this agenda item, donors may wish to make use of the document item entitled, "Questions for consideration by donors in preparing for meetings of the Standing Committee on Victim Assistance and Socio-Economic Reintegration" (Document #7). In addition, organisations involved in activities that serve to assist mine affected States Parties with their victim assistance needs may wish to provide updates.*

5 - Maximizing the Standing Committee as a vehicle for cooperation and assistance

*The Co-Chairs once again will provide an opportunity for a general discussion on the participation of the full range of relevant actors in the work of the Standing Committee.*

Co-Chairs' closing remarks

18:00 Meeting ends.