



IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT UNIT  
STATEMENT BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE GICHD

Mister President, distinguished delegates,

In accordance with the *Agreement between the States Parties of the Convention on the Prohibition of Anti-Personnel Mines and the Geneva International Centre For Humanitarian Demining on Implementation Support for the Convention of 7 November 2001*, I am pleased to submit a written report on the functioning of the ISU covering the period between the Second Review Conference and the Tenth MSP. The full report is contained in document number APLC/MSP.10/2010/4. As this document has been distributed to you, I will briefly only highlight a few aspects.

- 1) The ISU has continued to carry on its core activities as described in the agreement between the States Parties and the GICHD, that is to:
  - provide professional and independent advice and support to the Convention's President, Co-Chairs and individual States Parties;
  - assist the Co-Chairs in organizing meetings of the Standing Committees and the outgoing President, Ambassador Susan Eckey, and the President designate, Ambassador Gazmend Turdiu in preparing for the Tenth MSP;
  - provide information to States Parties on all matters related to the Convention;
  - provide advice to the informal sponsorship programme;
  - maintain the Convention's documentation centre.

In addition, the ISU has continued to

- advise States Parties on the preparation of article 5 extension requests and support the work of the analyzing group;
  - provide service to States Parties that have reported the responsibility for significant number of landmine survivors.
- 2) The ISU staff has again completed its tasks with great enthusiasm and professionalism, and I am glad that their services are well appreciated by the States Parties. I would also like to mention the efforts of the Centre's Administration and Support Division which is supporting the work of the ISU through IT services, website maintenance, publications coordination, travel support, human resources management and accounting. In addition, they are administering the sponsorship programme and managing the logistics of the intersessional meetings of the Standing Committees.
  - 3) I wish to thank the donors that have contributed to the ISU Trust Fund and assure all States Parties of the ongoing commitment of the GICHD to host and support the ISU as well as the Intersessional Work Programme and the Sponsorship Programme, based on a new agreement to be concluded between the States Parties and the GICHD.