

Proposal for the selection of Co-Rapporteurs to serve between the end of the 9MSP and the end of the Second Review Conference

Co-Chairs of the Standing Committee on the General Status and Operation of the Convention

(Germany and Kenya)

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It has been our tradition that the Co-Chairs of the Standing Committee on the General Status and Operation of the Convention undertake the task of consulting with States Parties with a view to identifying a list of nominees to serve as Co-Rapporteurs. We have now concluded the process of developing a list of prospective Co-Rapporteurs for a decision to be taken at the 9MSP this week.

In undertaking our consultations, we have tried to keep in mind principles that have become customary to the Convention – principles like ensuring a regional balance, a balance between States Parties in the process of implementing key provisions of the Convention and other State Parties, and a balance between the need for rotation and the need for continuity – as set out in our letter to all States Parties dated 9 May 2008.

We are confident that the list below fulfils these principles to the extent possible:

Standing Committee	Proposed new Co-Rapporteurs
General Status and Operation of the Convention	Slovenia, Ecuador
Victim Assistance	Turkey, Peru
Mine Clearance	Greece, Nigeria
Stockpile Destruction	Bulgaria, Indonesia

We would like you to be prepared to take the decision concerning the new list of Co-Rapporteurs at the end of the 9MSP. We remain at your disposal, should you have any questions or comments.

We take this opportunity to convey our appreciation for the excellent cooperation we received in this daunting task.

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