

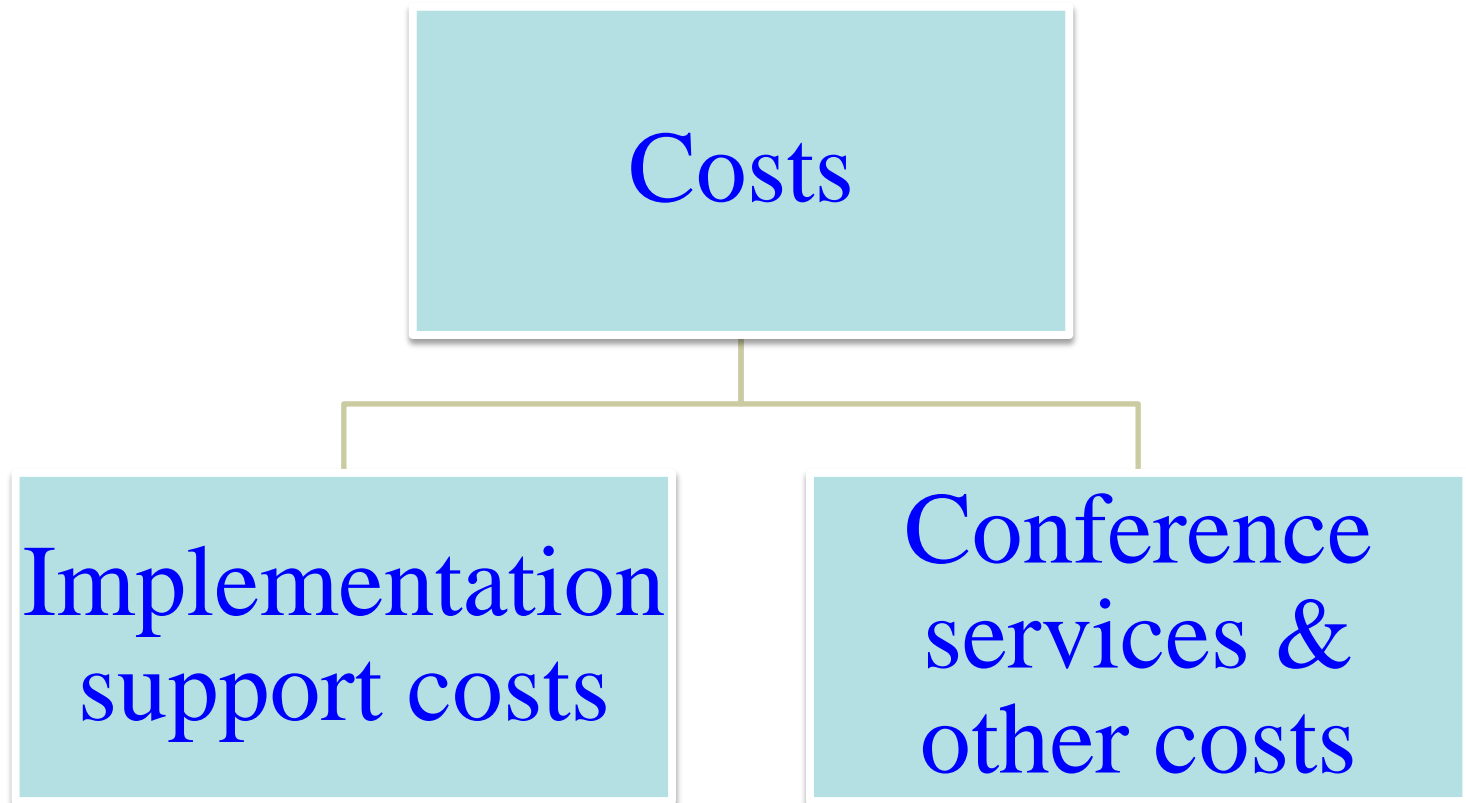


***FINANCING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF  
THE USE, STOCKPILING, PRODUCTION AND  
TRANSFER OF ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES  
AND ON THEIR DESTRUCTION***

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## *Funding structure of the Convention*





## Implementation support

- Implementation Support Unit staff and operation

## Conference services & others

- Translation of official documentation
- Interpretation at the MSP
- Conference services at MSP
- Maintaining art.7 database and the Roster of experts
- Supporting art.8 compliance activities



## Implementation support costs

- Contained in the ISU plan and budget adopted each year by the States parties at the MSP
- (CHF 515,429 for 2017)

## Conference services & others costs

- Contained in the estimated costs adopted each year by the States parties at the MSP
- (US\$503,800 for 2017)



Implementation  
support costs

- commitment by the States parties expressed in a series of decisions since 3MSP

Conference  
services &  
others costs

- obligation under article 14 of the Convention



## *Conference costs (legal background)*

### Art.14

1. The costs of the Meetings of the States Parties, the Special Meetings of the States Parties, the Review Conferences and the Amendment Conferences shall be borne by the States Parties and States not parties to this Convention participating therein, in accordance with the United Nations scale of assessment adjusted appropriately.

2. The costs incurred by the Secretary-General of the United Nations under Articles 7 and 8 and the costs of any fact-finding mission shall be borne by the States Parties in accordance with the United Nations scale of assessment adjusted appropriately.



## *Conference costs (financial problems in 2016 )*

- Outstanding unpaid balances for previous meetings, 2001-2015 (often masked by the “overpayments” by other Member States)
- Excess costs (higher than expected expenditure in 2015 resulting in additional bills)
- Introduction of the new UN administrative system (Umoja) which enforces more financial discipline
- Others (the complex billing process, the average speed at which invoices are being settled, etc.)



## *Conference costs (addressing the financial issues)*

- Final bills closed within 60 days from the end of the last meeting
- Estimated bills for the current year sent at the same time as the invoice for the prior meeting giving Member States a comprehensive overview of their assessed contributions
- Financial review four months prior to the annual meeting will be done with the ISU and the chair of the meeting
- Periodic update of the status of contributions





## *15MSP Final report*

38. [...] The Meeting underlined the importance to ensure full compliance with article 14 obligations as well as to explore possible other measures that could reduce the costs and improve the efficiency of the meetings of the States Parties. The Meeting called upon the States Parties and States not parties participating in the meetings to address issues arising from outstanding dues and from recently implemented United Nations financial accounting practices. The Meeting requested the States Parties and States not parties participating in the meetings of the States Parties to proceed with the payment of their share of the estimated costs as soon as the assessment invoices have been received from the United Nations. [...]



*Thank you!*

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