

## NON-PAPER

In September 2011, the annual meeting of States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions (CMC) mandated the Lebanese presidency to “negotiate, in consultation with the States parties, an agreement with the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD) on the hosting of an Implementation Support Unit (ISU) as well as a funding model, and present these proposals to the States parties for their approval”.

This non-paper is a contribution to the discussions between States Parties to the Convention in the perspective of the next annual meeting which will take place in Oslo (September 11-14 2012). It reflects France’s willingness to find a compromise on this issue. France supports without reserve the establishment of an ISU hosted by the GICHD. The ISU is an essential tool for the implementation of the Convention.

The annex if this non-paper introduces a budget proposal and a financial model on the basis of which the future ISU could be established.

This proposition, in full conformity with the decision taken by the State Parties in Beyrouth, is based on the following principles:

### *1) The use of recommended contributions to cover the ISU core functions*

Every year, the president of the Convention, through the ISU, would send State parties a letter recommending the payment of a contribution which would be calculated on the basis of the United Nations scale assessments. This recommendation would be indicative, on the model of the system existing in other organizations. It would however represent a **strong political incentive**.

By ensuring a sharing of the financial burden among all State parties, such a system would ensure **“the independence” of the ISU as well as its “inclusiveness”** (para 29b of the final document adopted in Beyrouth).

Contributions below 500 CHF would not be asked for because of the cost of their management.

### *2) An ISU with resources in conformity with its needs*

In Beyrouth, State parties endorsed the objective of “enhancing inclusiveness and practical cooperation as well as operational effectiveness and efficiency” (para 29a).

In order to fulfil this objective, **one single person should be at the head of both the ISU of the CCM and that of the antipersonnel mine-ban convention (Ottawa Convention)**.

Such a system would allow the reduction of the budget of the Ottawa Convention. Half the salary of its head would indeed be paid by State parties to the CCM.

The co-location of the two ISUs in the GICHD would enhance cohesiveness and integration in the work of the two units.

### 3) The use of existing contributions

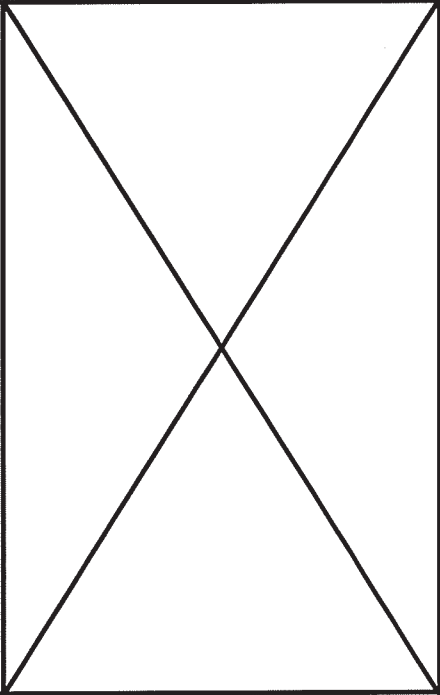
Today, meeting of State parties are funded through contributions to the UN budget. The participation of the United Nations is based on the UNGA resolution 63/71 (December 2008) which “requests the Secretary-General to render the necessary assistance and to provide such services as may be necessary to fulfil the tasks entrusted to him by the Convention on Cluster Munitions”.

In our proposal, the contributions to the UN would also include the cost for intersessional meetings. If needed, those meetings could be renamed preparatory meetings or committees.

In order to limit the rise of those contributions, **the length of intersessional meetings could be limited to two and a half days**. Moreover, those meetings could be organized back to back with meetings of the Ottawa Convention standing Committee. Representatives from capital could then reduce the number of their trips to Geneva.

Intersessional meetings would then take place in the **Palais des Nations** which would make unnecessary the renting of a Conference room at the GICHD.

**ISU budget proposal**

	Costs associated with the core functions of the ISU	Costs associated with non-core activities (voluntary contributions)
Funding through recommended contributions	<p><b># Salaries</b></p> <p>1) A head shared with the ISU of the Ottawa Convention - half the salary evaluated at 140 000 CHF</p> <p>2) An implementation specialist</p> <p><b># Indispensable trips</b></p> <p><b>TOTAL</b></p> <p align="right">70 000 CHF 100 000 CHF 10 000 CHF <b>180 000 CHF</b></p>	
Funding through voluntary contributions	<p><b># Contribution from GICHD (rooms, materials...)</b></p>	<p># Any activity in support of the implementation of the Convention by States parties (victim assistance, universalization...)</p> <p># Research and communication</p> <p># Administration of the Sponsorship program</p> <p># Other trips ; etc</p>

**NB : TOTAL amount to be covered by States parties through recommended contributions : 180 000 CHF**