Convention on Cluster Munitions

Non-paper submitted by the Coordinators on General Status and Operation of the Convention on the subject of Resource mobilization for the financing of the future ISU.

At the 4th MSP, States parties agreed that the issue of the funding model for the Implementation Support Unit (ISU) be deferred to the 5MSP, but that consultations on the issue of the funding model will be ongoing.

In this context, and building on the efforts and findings of previous presidencies, and trying to address most of the concerns of delegations, the Coordinators on General Status and Operation of the Convention would like to open a debate and informal exchange of views during the 2014 Intersessionals meeting, on the basis of the following proposal:

- The ISU will prepare a budget for the forthcoming year that will be presented at MSPs.
- The ISU will be funded by assessed contributions by States parties, according to the UN Scale of Assessment.
- States parties with special financial or legal problems to comply with their assessed contribution might have the opportunity to “opt out” of that contribution via a note that they will address to the President of the Convention within a month of the final day of the MSP where the budget for the next year has been adopted.
- Once that month has passed, the President, in consultation with the ISU, will prepare a note asking for voluntary contributions to cover the outstanding amount that will not be covered by the assessed contributions and will circulate that note to all States parties.

On the basis of the discussions during the Intersessionals meeting on this proposal, the Coordinators on the Working Group on General Status and Operation of the Convention will advise the President-designate on how to proceed on this issue towards 5MSP.