



*Misión Permanente de la República de Nicaragua
ante la Oficina de las Naciones Unidas de Ginebra*



MINUTES OF THE CCM COORDINATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on Monday 6th August 2018

in Conference Room 6A, Tower 3, Maison de la Paix, from 10:00 – 12:00 hours

1. Present:

Nicaragua - 8MSP Presidency

Mr. Carlos Morales Dávila

Ms. Nohelia Vargas Idiáquez

Australia

Mr. Hugh Watson

France

Ms. Camille Gufflet

Germany

Mr. Toralf Pilz

Italy

Dr. Silvia Cattaneo

Lao PDR

Mr. Kalamoungkhoun Souphanouvong

Mr. Keovongvichith Phetsamone

Netherlands

Ms. Sachi Claringbould

New Zealand

H.E. Dell Higgin

Panama

Ms. Grisselle Rodriguez

Sri Lanka

H.E. Abdul Azeez

Ms. Samantha Jayasuriya

Zambia

Ms. Chileshe Veronica Nkole

UNODA

Ms. Sylvia Mercogliano

Secretariat - ISU-CCM

Ms. Sheila Mweemba

Mr. Matthieu Laruelle

Ms. Gladys Kibui

2. Opening Remarks by the Presidency

The 8MSP Presidency opened the sixth Coordination Committee meeting of 2018 and the ninth under Nicaragua, by welcoming Her Excellency Dell Higgle, Permanent Representative of New Zealand to the Conference on Disarmament and His Excellency Abdul Azeez, Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva and the other Committee members. Thereafter, new representatives of some of the States Parties serving on the Coordination Committee attending the Meeting for the first time were invited to introduce themselves. The ISU Director also took the opportunity to introduce Ms. Gladys Kibui, as the ISU Communications Associate, who would until end of September 2018 temporarily replace the ISU Implementation Support Assistant as she was on maternity leave.

The presidency then proceeded with the Agenda as presented.

3. Approve Minutes of the 4th June 2018 Coordination Committee Meeting

The Committee approved, without corrections, the Minutes of the Coordination Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 4th June 2018, as a correct record of what had transpired during that meeting.

4. Update from the 8th Meeting of States Parties (8MSP) Presidency

Nicaragua informed the Meeting that Mr. Carlos Morales Dávila, Deputy Permanent Representative and chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Nicaragua, had been designated to preside on its behalf over the Eighth Meeting of States Parties (8MSP) to be held from 3 to 5 September 2018 in Geneva.

5. Preparations for the 8th Meeting of States Parties (8MSP)

The Presidency invited the ISU Director to provide an update on the status of preparations for the 8MSP.

5.1 8MSP Official Documentation

The Director notified the Meeting that five of the eight official documents of the 8MSP had been translated into all the six UN languages and were already available on both the UNOG and CCM websites. These documents were the: *Provisional Agenda; Implementation Support Unit 2019 Work Plan and Budget; Guidelines for the Convention On Cluster Munitions (CCM) Article 3 Extension Requests* - submitted by Bosnia-Herzegovina; *Guidelines for The Convention On Cluster Munitions (CCM) Article 4 Extension Requests* - submitted by Bosnia-Herzegovina; *Establishment of a Process for the Selection of the Presidency of the Convention on Cluster Munitions* - submitted by Germany and; *Draft Article 3 Declaration of Compliance*, submitted by Croatia and Mozambique.

The Director informed that an email notification informing States of this had already been sent out. She further clarified that the remaining three documents still to be uploaded were: *the ISU's 2017 Annual Report; the 8MSP Annotated Programme of Work and the 8MSP Progress Report*.

Contributing to the update, the UNODA representative confirmed that all remaining conference documents would be made available online in the following days and that an official notification would be sent in that regard to all States Parties.

5.2 Side events

The Director reported that two side event rooms had been made available for the 8MSP. She added that the only side events requests submitted thus far had been from the Cluster Munition Coalition and that a few event slots were still available. She concluded by reminding the meeting that the deadline for submitting side event requests through the provided registration form was Friday 17 August.

5.3 8MSP Sponsorship Programme

The Director informed the Committee that the Sponsorship Programme account had carried over CHF 17'800 from the previous year which had been utilized to provide sponsorship to 6 priority States Parties to participate in the 8MSP. She further reported that all 6 States had already responded positively and that the logistical arrangements being organized by the GICHD conference services were at an advanced stage. The Director added that another CHF 11'400 was expected to be received through the Australian multi-year grant which would allow for a further 4 States to be sponsored. She confirmed that already the targeted 4 States had been contacted and that one had responded. In addition, she announced to the meeting that Canada had also pledged an amount of CHF 40'000 to the Sponsorship Programme but that this funding had not yet come through. She concluded by stating that the Canadian funds would be sufficient to sponsor an additional 12 States.

5.4 10th Anniversary of the CCM

The Director reminded the meeting of its decision taken earlier in the year not to organize a celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Convention's adoption on 30 May 2018 but rather to postpone it until the 8MSP to commemorate the 10th anniversaries of both the adoption and signature of the Convention at the same time when capital based delegates would also be in Geneva. She also informed the meeting that unfortunately the Nicaraguan Presidency would not host a reception as was the usual practice of presiding presidencies as the Permanent Mission had not received the necessary authorization from its capital. With this backdrop, the Director enquired of the Coordination Committee if it had any ideas or suggestions on how to celebrate the 10th anniversaries in the margins of the 8MSP.

Following an enthusiastic exchange of ideas, Coordination Committee members agreed to organize an informal event in commemoration of the 10th anniversaries of the Convention on the evening of Monday 3 September 2018. The Committee tasked the ISU to make enquiries on possible venues and ascertain the accompanying costs. The Director undertook to start working on the task immediately after the meeting and promised to update the Coordination Committee within the following two days. Some members of the Committee also pledged to contact their respective capitals to source the financial contributions needed to finance the event.

6. Update on the 9MSP Presidency

The Presidency welcomed once again His Excellency A. L. Abdul Azeez, Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the United Nations in Geneva whose candidacy for the presidency of the Ninth Meeting of States Parties (9MSP) had been submitted through note verbale to CCM States Parties.

Ambassador Abdul Azeez thanked the Coordination Committee for the opportunity to join the meeting and explained that Sri Lanka had become a State Party to the APMBC at the end of 2017 as it had already cleared 90% of its landmine contamination. He further explained that the Sri Lankan government had worked in parallel on its accession to the CCM which culminated into the

deposition of its instrument of accession in March 2018. Ambassador Abdul Azeez concluded by saying that he very much looked forward to continuing the work carried out by previous presidencies and to closely collaborate with the Coordination Committee.

7. Update on the financing of the Implementation Support Unit of the CCM

The ISU Director reported that since the last meeting an additional 5 States Parties had made financial contributions to the ISU Trust Fund amounting to CHF 97'501.57. She explained that 51 out of the 102 States Parties had until then made contributions to the 2018 annual budget amounting to just over CHF 329'219.69 against a budget of CHF 465'440 which represents approximately 71% of the total budget.

The Director also highlighted that the number of States Parties that had made their contribution to the ISU so far this year was higher than it was at the same time of the previous year, showing a steady increase in the number of States Parties that make their annual contribution to the ISU Trust Fund. This was particularly as a result of an increase in the number of States Parties assessed for smaller amounts also making contributions. She added that five of the usual big funders whose contributions towards the 2017 budget had amounted to CHF 162'000 were yet to make their contributions this year. The Director was of the view that if these 5 States were to provide the same level of support in 2018, the ISU would again meet its full annual budget this year.

To conclude the update, the Director explained that it was important to take note that the individual invoices to States Parties regarding their contribution towards the 2019 budget would only be sent towards the end of December, later than the usual practice, as the re-adjusted UN scale of assessment would only be available towards the end of the year.

8. Any other business

8.1 Financing of the CCM 8th Meeting of States Parties

The UNODA representative informed the meeting that the current level of contributions was sufficient to enable the 8MSP to take place. She explained that there was a shortfall of approximately USD 21'000 for invoices billed but not yet paid and that the updated summary on the financial status as of 31 July 2018 would be posted online shortly.

UNODA also informed the meeting that instructions on how to register for the 8MSP were online. She urged Coordinators to remind their colleagues in capital that did not have a United Nations grounds pass to register for the 8MSP in the online indico system. She emphasized on the fact that delegates needed to attach the note verbale which included the representative's name in order to be able to register.

8.2 Update on the search for new CCM Thematic Coordinators

The ISU Director reminded the Coordination Committee that a letter had been sent to States Parties in April inviting them to express their interest to serve on the Coordination Committee for the period 2018-2020 in replacement of outgoing Coordinators. In this regard, the Director provided a summary on States that had expressed their interest to oversee the thematic working groups and she advised the Meeting as follows:

- *Stockpile Destruction and Retention*: Austria (to replace Croatia) and work with Mozambique

- *Clearance and Risk Reduction*: Sweden (to replace The Netherlands) and work with Lao PDR
- *Reporting*: Iraq to replace Zambia
- *National Implementation Measures*: New Zealand to continue as Coordinator

She also explained that the 4 positions were still vacant and encouraged Coordinators to reach out to potential candidates. Those still to be filled were:-

- *Universalization*: Replace France to work with Panama
- *Victim Assistance*: Replace Italy to work with Ireland
- *International Cooperation and Assistance*: Replace Australia to work with Peru
- *General Status and Operation of the Convention*: Replace Bosnia and Herzegovina to work with Germany

8.3 Updates from the Thematic Coordinators

(a) *Clearance and Risk Reduction Education*

The Netherlands notified the meeting that Lao PDR had sent a Note Verbale indicating that it would submit an extension request for its 2020 clearance deadline. The Netherlands further reported that it had also reached out to Germany to discuss implementation progress regarding its Article 4 obligations. She further informed that the thematic Coordinators would follow up with other States Parties with clearance obligations in the margins of the 8MSP.

In its national capacity, Lao PDR confirmed that it had indeed sent a Note Verbale to the ISU informing that it would submit an extension request for its Article 4 obligations and that an official announcement would be made at the 8MSP.

In concluding, the Lao PDR representative, Mr. K Souphanouvong introduced his colleague who would be replacing him as he would be leaving to take up a new position in capital. He warmly thanked his Co-coordinator, the Netherlands, for the extensive work done and the ISU for its continuous support. The Presidency warmly thanked him all the efforts made during his tenure and welcomed his replacement.

(b) *International Cooperation and Assistance*

Australia, speaking on behalf of the thematic Coordinators, reported that the final report of the last informal meeting on *Enhancing International Cooperation and Assistance under the Convention on Cluster Munitions* held on 8 June 2018 was now available on the Convention's website, thereby bringing an end to a series of closed events aimed at improving partnerships between affected and donor States.

8.4 Arabic Guide to Cluster Munitions 3rd Edition

The Director informed the meeting that the Arabic version of the publication - *Guide to Cluster Munitions 3rd Edition* would be ready in the following two weeks and therefore would be available for distribution during the 8MSP.

9. Date of the Next CC Meeting

It was agreed that the last Coordination Committee Meeting before the 8MSP and under the Nicaraguan Presidency would be held on **Thursday, 30 August 2018 at 10:00 hours**.