



6TH MEETING OF STATES PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON CLUSTER MUNITIONS

MINUTES OF THE CCM COORDINATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on Thursday, 1st September 2016

at the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands, from 15:30 – 16:30 hours

1. PRESENT:

The Netherlands – 6MSP President

H.E. Henk Cor Van der Kwast
Mr. Mark Versteden
Mr. Maarten Broekhof
Mr. Eddy Jolink
Ms. Heleen Huijgen

Australia

Mr. Hugh Watson

Chile

Ms. Carola Muñoz

Croatia

Amb. Vesna Batistić Kos, PhD.
Mr. Hrvoje Debač
Ms. Ines Šprem Scigliano

Czech Republic

Mr. Václav Bálek
Ms. Markéta Homolková

Ecuador

Mr. Leon Aviles Salgado

France

M. Loius Riquet

Iraq

Mr. Emad Al-Juhaishi

Mexico

Ms. Sandra Paola Ramírez Valenzuela

New Zealand

Ms. Katy Donnelly

Norway

Ms. Ingunn Vatne
Ms. Malgorzata Hauge

Switzerland

Mr. Laurent Masméjean

Zambia

Mr. Samson Lungo

Cluster Munition Coalition (CMC)

Ms. Amelie Chayer

UNODA

Ms. Silvia Mercogliano

Secretariat - CCM ISU

Ms. Sheila N. Mweemba
Mr. Matthieu Laruelle

2. Opening Remarks by the President

The 7th and last Coordination Committee meeting under the Dutch presidency was opened by CCM President, Ambassador Henk Cor van der Kwast of the Netherlands, with a warm welcome to all the Committee members.

The President started the meeting by asking the Committee if they had any reaction following the informal consultative session on the draft political declaration held earlier that morning at the Palais des Nations. The President highlighted that he did not want the political declaration to affect achievements attained in Dubrovnik. The President continued by saying that he would take into account different views but that he did not want to dedicate too much time to discussions during the 6MSP. He therefore informed the meeting that the Presidency would hold side discussions on Monday 5th September. Finally, he concluded that if States Parties did not come to an agreement on the political declaration, he would withdraw it.

Following this introduction, the President presented the Agenda and enquired of the Committee if it had any additional items for discussion. There being none, he proceeded with the Agenda as presented.

3. Approval of the Minutes of 11 August 2016

The draft Minutes, which had been circulated in advance, were approved without comment as a correct record of what had transpired during the Coordination Committee Meeting held on 11 August 2016.

4. Update from the CCM Presidency on the preparations for the 6MSP

The President shared a general overview of the event with the Coordination Committee and elaborated as follows:

- 4.1 That there would be a Coordination Committee meeting at 9am on Monday 5th September behind Room XIX, in a separate room booked for that purpose. The President informed that they would be daily coordination meetings at 9am throughout the 6MSP, unless decided otherwise.
- 4.2 That Coordinators would be invited to report on the status of progress made and challenges under their thematic area of work from the podium. The President again thanked all the Coordinators for their hard work during the year and for the progress made in the implementation of the Convention. He also told the meeting that he would not strictly follow the agenda during the 6MSP to accommodate requests received to reschedule certain sessions.
- 4.3 That the Presidency would host a welcome reception for all delegates on the evening of 5th September at 18.30, outside the UN premises. The reception would be held at Le Club Suisse de la Presse on Route de Ferney. The President informed the meeting that everyone would get an invitation on Monday.
- 4.4 That with the support of the Implementation Support Unit and the Cluster Munition Coalition, a small room behind Room XIX would be set up to receive transparency reports. Every submission would be photographed and publicized on the Convention website and other social media with the aim of stimulating an increase in the current rate of transparency reporting, in particular, initial transparency reporting.

The President asked the meeting if they had any questions before moving on to the next agenda item. Switzerland enquired about the presence of a high level representative from the Dutch government. The President thanked Switzerland for the question and informed the meeting that Deputy Director General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Pieter Jan Kleiweg de Zwaan, would speak on behalf of the Minister.

Mexico asked the President how much time Coordinators would have to present their session while on the podium. While recognizing that the Meetings of States Parties are now shorter in time, the President asked delegations and coordinators to be as effective as possible in their interventions.

The President informed the Meeting that there would be a session dedicated to UMOJA which is an administrative reform initiative for the United Nations Secretariat that was discussed at the Fifth Committee and the General Assembly and approved by Member States. It was further explained that based on this new system, UN meetings would only take place when funding is made available beforehand. The President had made arrangements with UNODA to have the implementation of the system explained to all 6MSP participants during the plenary session under the meeting's Agenda item "Other Matters". The President concluded that although UMOJA was not very popular, States had approved it.

5. Updates on the consideration of 2016 – 2018 Thematic Coordinators

The President thanked the States that came forward to take up the positions that would be falling vacant. In this regard, he asked the Director of the ISU CCM to provide a summary on States that had expressed their interest to oversee the thematic working groups and she advised the Meeting as follows:

- Universalization: Germany (to replace Ecuador) and work with Zambia;
- Stockpile Destruction and Retention: Croatia (to replace France) and work with Mexico;
- Victim Assistance: Italy (to replace Australia) and work with Chile;
- Clearance and Risk Reduction Education: no replacement had yet been found for Bosnia & Herzegovina to work with Norway;
- International Cooperation and Assistance: Australia (to replace Austria) and work with Iraq;
- Reporting: Costa Rica to continue as Coordinator;
- National Implementation Measures: New Zealand to continue as Coordinator;
- General Status and Operation of the Convention: Bosnia and Herzegovina (to replace Czech Republic) and work with Switzerland.

6. GICHD participation in the Coordination Committee

The President went back to agenda item 4 and reminded informed the Meeting that as announced during the previous Coordination Committee, he had asked the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD) to make a presentation in plenary on Survey & Mapping. The presentation would be done after the coordinators' overview on progress and challenges related to clearance and risk reduction education.

Further, as agreed during the last Committee Meeting, the President presented a proposal to consider the participation of the GICHD in its meetings as an observer organization. He informed the meeting that the Netherlands in its capacity as the CCM presidency, it had no objection to GICHD participation but requested the Committee to share their positions.

Norway informed the meeting that it was not in favor of including the GICHD in the Coordination Committee. The Norwegian representative stressed that other observer organizations currently partaking in the Coordination Committee are specifically mentioned in the Convention's text. Norway added that the relationship between the CCM States Parties and the GICHD was clearly defined in the Hosting Agreement for the ISU CCM.

New Zealand in its intervention asked the Meeting what value the GICHD would add to the Coordination Committee's work. New Zealand added that the Coordination Committee had an optimum number of States and that if they were to include the GICHD, it could lead to more requests from other organizations and result in an untenable situation.

In contributing to the discussion, Switzerland said it would support the participation of the GICHD in the Coordination Committee and gave the example of the Convention on certain Conventional Weapons where it is the case. Switzerland concluded by saying that the GICHD would bring added value in terms of substance as well as due to its particular responsibilities regarding the ISU.

In light of the hesitation expressed by some Coordination Committee members, the President concluded that there was no agreement as to the GICHD's participation as an observer organization in the Coordination Committee.

7. Update on the search for 7th MSP President

The President reported to the Coordination Committee that it had had meetings with several affected States. He informed the Meeting that he had one meeting earlier during the day and that one affected State showed great interest but for the 2017 or 2018 Presidency. The President concluded the update by stating that discussions were also on-going with one non-affected State.

8. Any Other Business

The CMC reported that a United States company, Textron, had announced it would no longer produce cluster munitions and that it had mentioned a declining market as the reason behind its decision. CMC announced that the Cluster Munition Monitor 2016 had been released in the morning and that it was already available on the Monitor website www.the-monitor.org. In concluding, CMC informed the Meeting that the Cluster Munition Monitor 2016 would also be launched at a side event on Monday 5 September.
