



*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 4th June 2018

in Conference Room 7A, Tower 3, Maison de la Paix, from 10:00 – 12:00 hours

1. Present:

Nicaragua - 8MSP Presidency

Mr. Carlos Morales Dávila
Ms. E. Díaz O.

Bosnia-Herzegovina

Mr. Asim Dorović

Germany

Mr. Toralf Pilz

Italy

Dr. Silvia Cattaneo

Lao PDR

Mr. Kalamoungkhoun Souphanouvong

Mozambique

Mr. Jaime Chissano

Netherlands

Ms. Sachi Claringbould

Panama

Ms. Grisselle Rodriguez

Cluster Munition Coalition (CMC)

Ms. Amélie Chayer

ICRC

Mr. Louis Maresca
Ms. Clementine Rendle

UNODA

Ms. Melanie Gerber

Secretariat - ISU-CCM

Ms. Sheila Mweemba
Mr. Matthieu Laruelle

Apologies received

New Zealand
France
Ireland

Apologies not received

Australia
Croatia
Peru
Zambia

2. **Opening Remarks by the Presidency**

The Deputy Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of Nicaragua, Mr. Carlos Morales, opened the fifth Coordination Committee meeting of 2018 and the eighth under the Nicaraguan presidency by welcoming the Committee members.

3. **Approval of the Minutes of 8 May 2018**

The Committee approved, without corrections, the Minutes of the Coordination Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 8 May 2018, as a correct record of what had transpired during that meeting.

4. **Update from the 8MSP Presidency**

Mr. Morales informed the meeting that the Permanent Mission of Nicaragua was still awaiting instructions from its capital with regards to the appointment of a new Permanent Representative in Geneva. Until then, he assured the Coordination Committee members that he would continue to perform Nicaragua's presidential duties and to support the Coordinators in their tasks as necessary.

5. **Updates from the Thematic Coordinators on the implementation of their work plans up to the 8MSP**

5.1 **Universalization** (France and Panama)

Panama, reporting on behalf of the Coordinators on Universalization, informed that the Coordinators, with the support of the ISU, had organized an informal closed meeting with Signatory States on 23 May at the Maison de la Paix. Panama explained that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss with CCM Signatory States efforts undertaken so far to ratify the CCM and to address any challenges encountered in this endeavour. The Coordinator reported that although not all 17 Signatory States had attended, the level of participation and interaction was very positive. Panama further explained that one of the Coordinators' strategies had also been to focus on developing partnerships with regional organizations in order to maximize universalization efforts. In this regard, Panama notified that it had had a meeting with the *Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie* (OIF) which had expressed its interest in playing a more active role in disarmament through its member States. Panama highlighted the importance of pursuing this avenue as about 18 OIF member States were either Signatory States or States not Party. Finally, Panama informed that the Universalization Coordinators would engage bilaterally with Signatory States and States not Party in the margins of the APMBC intersessional meetings scheduled to take place on 7- 8 June 2018 in Geneva.

The Nicaraguan Presidency thanked the Coordinator for the comprehensive update and reiterated the availability of the presidency to assist in their efforts as necessary. He then proceeded to invite the Coordinators on General Status and Operation of the Convention to present their update.

5.2 General Status and Operation of the Convention (Bosnia and Herzegovina and Germany)

Germany, one of the Coordinators on the General Status and Operation of the Convention, reported that it had already submitted the final version of the working paper on the *Establishment of a process for the selection of CCM Presidencies* and that it therefore had nothing more to report on that document.

Bosnia and Herzegovina, the other Coordinator on the General Status and Operation of the Convention, continued the report by thanking the Coordination Committee members for their valuable input to the working paper on *The Guidelines for CCM Article 3 and Article 4 extension requests*. After summarizing the amendments made on the draft document and highlighting that most changes focused on terminology and the timeline, Bosnia and Herzegovina requested the Coordination Committee members that had not able to share their comments to do so before the document was finalized the following day. After a fruitful exchange of views on the Guidelines, the Coordinator thanked the Committee members for their valuable observations and assured them that the document would be corrected accordingly.

The Presidency thanked the Coordinators for their thorough work and also those that had contributed to the discussion and gave the floor to the Coordinators on Victim Assistance.

5.3 Victim Assistance (Ireland and Italy)

Italy, speaking on behalf of the Coordinators, shared that the Coordinators had only received one response to the letters sent to States Parties that had not yet fulfilled their victim assistance obligations. Italy further highlighted that Coordinators had had fruitful meetings with States Parties with Article 5 obligations in the margins of the 21st International Meeting of National Mine Action Programme Directors and United Nations Advisers in February and that findings would be reflected in the 8MSP Progress Report. Italy continued by informing the meeting that Coordinators were considering the possibility of hosting a side event at the 8MSP focusing on one specific State Party, in close coordination with Victim Assistance Coordinators under the APMBC and CCW. Italy clarified that the country of focus had not yet been identified. Finally, Italy confirmed that the launch of the *Guidelines on Gender and Diversity-Response Victim Assistance in Mine Action* would take place on Thursday 7th June as a lunch-time event in the margins of the APMBC intersessionals.

Mr. Morales thanked Italy for its report and invited Coordinators on Clearance and Risk Reduction Education to provide their update.

5.4 Clearance and Risk Reduction Education (Lao PDR and the Netherlands)

The Netherlands, reporting on behalf of the Coordinators on Clearance and Risk Reduction Education, informed the meeting that they had had bilateral meetings with most of the targeted States with upcoming Article 4 deadlines and that they would continue the outreach in the following weeks including in the margins of the APMBC Intersessional meetings.

In its national capacity, Lao PDR communicated that it would contact the ISU soon in order to start discussing in detail its anticipated extension request.

The Presidency thanked the Coordinators for the continuous support provided towards the work of the Convention and passed the floor to Coordinators on Stockpile Destruction.

5.5 Stockpile Destruction and Retention (Croatia and Mozambique)

Mozambique, speaking on behalf of the Coordinators, reported that it had not heard back from 3 out of the 4 States (Denmark, Italy, Netherlands and Sweden) that they had sent out letters to requesting for the provision of additional updated information regarding their retention of submunitions by 30 April. The Coordinator informed that, however, only one State (Italy) had replied announcing the destruction of all its retained submunitions. The Coordinator warmly congratulated Italy for having concluded the destruction of those submunitions. The Coordinator informed that a formal congratulatory letter was on its way.

The Netherlands informed the meeting that following the letter on retention sent by the Coordinators, it had been able to review its retained stockpile with the Ministry of Defense and, as mentioned in its 2017 Article 7 transparency report, it was actively investigating ways to further reduce its stockpile in a timely manner.

The Coordinator thanked the Netherlands for the clarification and further informed that one State Party with an Article 3 deadline in 2019 had submitted its Article 7 transparency report showing progress in the implementation of its obligations. In contributing to the update, the ISU Director informed the meeting that that State had confirmed its participation in the informal, closed meeting on Article 6 organized by Coordinators on International Cooperation and Assistance to be held on Friday 8 June at 08:30am in the margins of the APMBC intersessional meetings where it was expected to make a presentation on the progress achieved.

With regards to the challenges encountered in establishing contact with one State Party with Article 3 obligations in 2019, the Coordinator reported that Croatia and Mozambique would mobilize their Permanent Missions in New York.

In continuing its update, Mozambique informed the meeting that the Coordinators on Stockpile Destruction did not have any more comments on the final amended draft *Article 3 Declaration of Completion template* which was re-submitted to the Coordination Committee by the ISU prior to the meeting. Mozambique concluded by expressing the gratitude of the Coordinators to the ISU for its assistance in drafting the document.

The Presidency thanked the Coordinators for their exhaustive work and brought the agenda item to a close.

6. Presentation and consideration of draft 8MSP documentation

The Presidency cordially invited the ISU-CCM Director to provide an update on the status of preparations of the documentation for the 8MSP. The Director notified the Meeting that following the adoption by the Coordination Committee at the last meeting of the *8MSP Provisional Agenda* and the *2019 ISU Work Plan and Budget*, the ISU had submitted the two documents to UNODA for translation into the 6 UN official languages as required.

Taking the Meeting through the four documents that it had submitted for consideration to the Coordination Committee for the meeting, the ISU Director read out the titles of the documents to be submitted to UNODA for translation with their respective deadlines: *Article 3 and Article 4 Extension requests* submitted by Bosnia-Herzegovina (15 June); *Establishment of a process for the selection of CCM Presidencies* submitted by Germany (15 June); *2017 ISU Annual Report* submitted by the ISU (26 June); and *8MSP Annotated Programme of Work* submitted by the ISU (29 June).

The ISU Director enquired of the Coordination Committee if it had any comments on the *2017 ISU Annual Report*. There being none, the report was approved and it was agreed that the ISU would send it to UNODA for translation on the forecasted date.

Thereafter, the Director reminded the Meeting that the last document to be submitted to UNODA for translation at the beginning of July would be the *8MSP Progress Report*. To this end, the ISU Director reminded Coordinators that the ISU had already sent them the report templates as well as preliminary summaries based on already submitted 2017 transparency reports to enable them start working on their respective sections of the report.

With a view to facilitating the consolidation process of the Progress Report and respect the submission deadline of 2 July 2018, the ISU Director provided a detailed calendar on the next steps:

- The ISU would continue to update the Progress Report summaries based on 2017 Article 7 reports and would circulate these to the Coordinators on 15th June;
- Coordinators were requested to submit their respective drafts to the ISU latest on Friday 22nd June;
- The ISU would then consolidate the reports and circulate on Wednesday 27th June the draft consolidated report for comments and clarifications which would have to be received on Friday 29th June by noon;
- The ISU would then make any final amendments and updates derived from any additional 2017 Article 7 reports received until 30 June 2018 and would advise the thematic Coordinators as relevant on these changes;
- The ISU would submit the final version of the Progress Report to UNODA on Monday 2nd July as scheduled.

In her concluding remarks, the ISU Director requested the Coordinators to be concise in their input as the Progress Report had a 10,000 word only limit. The Director also reminded that as had been done in the previous 2 years, a summary table of the key findings of the Progress Report would be included in the Conference Package which would be distributed to all delegates.

In concluding exchanges on this agenda item, Mr. Morales expressed his appreciation for the important work done on the documentation for the 8MSP.

7. Update on the 9MSP presidency

The Presidency reported that Nicaragua had approached several States Parties to discuss the possibility of their assuming the role of the 9MSP Presidency but that there had not been any confirmation of interest from any of those States until then. Mr. Morales inquired if any of the Coordinators had made progress in their outreach efforts.

Responding to the Presidency's query, Germany informed that it had spoken twice to one State Party about the matter but that further discussions would still be necessary.

In contributing to the discussion, Panama asked the Presidency if it could share, based on its outreach, the reasons why it felt that States Parties were reluctant to take over the Presidency. The Coordinator highlighted that identifying these points would greatly help Coordinators to overcome the reluctance of potential candidates in their own outreach efforts. Mr. Morales thanked Panama for the question and explained that while in most cases Geneva-based representatives appeared to be keen to preside over the Convention, he felt that their capitals were more difficult to convince.

Adding to the discussion, the ISU Director reminded the Coordination Committee to make use of the brochure on *the Role of the Presidency* prepared by the ISU which includes practical and detailed aspects on the role of the Presidency. In addition, the Director also emphasized on the fact that the limited human resources available in some Permanent Missions in Geneva should not be an obstacle as the Presidency would count on the ISU's substantive support and advice to successfully perform its presidential duties. The Director also explained that there was a need to emphasize that there would be no extra financial burden on the Presidency if it decided to host the Meeting of States Parties in Geneva. To conclude, the Director reiterated the ISU's availability to meet with potential candidates in order to explain what would be expected of them should they assume the next Presidency.

In reacting to the Director's comments, Panama encouraged Coordination Committee members to engage with delegations of CCM States Parties that would be attending the upcoming APMBC intersessionals meetings in Geneva.

The Director urged Coordinators to increase outreach efforts in June as the summer break was fast approaching and it would be desirable to have the 9MSP President-designate begin to get involved in the work of the Convention as soon as possible.

Mr. Morales concluded exchanges on this agenda item by expressing his appreciation to the Coordination Committee members that had undertaken outreach in search of a new Presidency and encouraged the other Coordinators to do the same as matter of priority.

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

The ISU Director reported to the meeting that since the last update an additional 6 States Parties had made financial contributions to the ISU Trust Fund amounting to a total of CHF 63'886.29 (7a, 7b and 7c). The Director further elaborated that 47 out of 102 States Parties had already made contributions

to the 2018 budget amounting to just over CHF 231'526.05 against a budget of CHF 465'440; which was just about 50% of the annual budget so far collected. However, 1 country that had pledged a substantial amount had indicated that it was in the process of transferring its contribution to the ISU Trust Fund which would bring the total amount collected to approximately 65% of the ISU's 2018 budget.

The Director highlighted that the number of States Parties that had made their contribution to the ISU so far this year was more 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.

Italy enquired about the ISU's current cash flow situation. The Director explained that the ISU had sufficient funds to operate as it had managed to carry over approximately CHF 170'000 from 2017, largely due to contributions made very late in the year.

9. Update from the Implementation Support Unit on other matters

9.1 CCM 10th anniversary celebration

To commemorate the 10th anniversary of the adoption of the Convention, the ISU Director reported that the ISU had sent a *Special Edition of the Convention's Newsletter* to all States Parties, Signatory States and States not Party which highlighted the accomplishments made under the Convention in the last 10 years. The ISU also explained that on 30th May it had reached approximately 1000 people through the Convention's social media platforms; Twitter and Facebook.

In commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the adoption of the Convention, CMC informed that it had mobilized its network with a specific focus on universalization. CMC also explained that it had held bilateral meetings with some Signatory States: Djibouti, Namibia, Uganda, Liberia, Haiti, Kenya, and the Central African Republic. It further reported that its campaign members in about 10 States had sent letters to Signatory States encouraging them to ratify as soon as possible and had also been very active on social media.

The ICRC indicated that its President was sending letters to the Foreign Ministers of the 17 Signatory States urging them to ratify the CCM as soon as possible. It also highlighted that its Director of International Law and Policy together with the Norwegian Red Cross Secretary General had sent letters to the Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies in CCM signatory States to urge them to play an active role in convincing their governments to ratify the Convention. The ICRC concluded by expressing hope that these letters would bring concrete results before the 8MSP. To conclude his update, the delegate introduced his temporary replacement as he would soon be taking up a new position in July with ICRC's Weapon Contamination Unit.

The Presidency and the CMC warmly thanked the ICRC representative for all the support provided over the years and welcomed his temporary replacement.

10. Date of the Next CC Meeting

It was agreed that the next Coordination Committee Meeting would be held on **Monday, 6 August 2018 at 10:00 hours**.

In accordance with past practice, it was also noted that another Coordination Committee Meeting would take place at the end of August in order to go over final logistical and administrative arrangements regarding the 8MSP. It was decided that the date of the second meeting, 30 August 2018, would be confirmed on 6 August.

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