

3rd Meeting of the Coordination Committee Convention on Cluster Munitions

13 December 2011, Room XXVII, Palais

Minutes and Action Points

List of Attendees:

- Lebanon (President)
- Norway (President-Designate)
- Belgium (Transparency Reporting in 2012 and 2013)
- Croatia (Stockpile Destruction and Retention in 2012 and 2013)
- Spain (Cooperation and Assistance in 2012, and for 2012 and 2013)
- Mexico (Cooperation and Assistance in 2012, and for 2012 and 2013)
- Austria (Victim Assistance in 2012)
- New Zealand (National Implementation Measures in 2012 and 2013)
- Lao PDR (Clearance and Risk Reduction in 2012)
- Ireland (Clearance and Risk Reduction in 2012)
- CMC
- ICRC
- UNODA
- UNDP in capacity of Executive Coordination team

Intro by President

- Need to promote universalization of the CCM, encourage more States to join the Convention; it is the only normative framework regulating cluster munitions;
- Informed the attendees about the absence of Japan and Portugal (Coordinators for universalization); written reports were provided about the progress in universalization team:
 - Japan and Portugal conducted a meeting during the 4th Review Conference of CCW – Central America, Caribbean and South American regions are now within universalization working group team;
 - Zambia was added to the team to assist with universalization process for CCM
 - Iraq is now at final stage of ratification process

Agenda Item 1 - Universalization

Norway:

- Suggested regional initiatives in promoting universalization of CCM
- Will be looking at Asia and Africa – more updates will be provided in 2012

Chair:

- recognized that regional work is very important – look forward to further updates

UNDP:

- Informed that Mauritania gave good news in the margins of the meeting in Phnom Penh; that the President had signed the instrument which now was to be deposited in New York.

Agenda Item 2 - Thematic Plans, by Coordinators

Chair:

- Consult with executive coordinator team to establish working groups and include assistance and input from practitioners and other stakeholders

(Cooperation and Assistance – Mexico and Spain):

- Have been involved in consultations regarding invitation of states to contribute good practices in cooperation and assistance relevant for the CCM
- Aim to produce systematized information for the convention about good practices in cooperation and assistance
- Prepared a letter which invites Member States to provide with concrete testimonials and examples of cooperation for the MSP and requested to provide this information before April 2012
- Question: Asked the coordinators if they have a proper format for their project?
 - The format has not been decided yet just an outline of general ideas
 - Some countries may have more testimonials than examples and some might want to send a lot of information; invite countries to produce a text of their good practices; it will be on a case-by-case basis

Chair:

- Requested an update in a written form from every coordinator to be able to circulate also to those not in attendance

(Clearance and Risk Reduction - Lao PDR and Ireland):

- Presented a strategy for 2012 which includes (see draft attached):
 - Priority of resources to be based on assessment of risk to civilians followed by economic value of land to be released
 - Clearance programmes must be country specific
 - For acceleration of land release, non-technical and technical surveys will be required
 - The goals: develop a framework for achieving efficient release of CMR contaminated land; explore opportunities for creating of CCM database on clearance policy and techniques and provide recommendations for 3MSP in 2012;
 - Conduct audit of requirements of affected states; identify resources that may be available from donors
 - Consult with state parties, international organizations. Clearance operators on content to inform and assist state parties on clearance matters at Inter-sessional meeting in April 2012

(Victim Assistance Coordination – Austria):

- Works with Bosnia and Herzegovina on coordinating victim assistance for CCM:
- Plan to have a meeting in January 2012 with coordinators also from the APMBC and the PV of the CCW to discuss strategies for enhancing victim assistance

(National Implementation Measures - New Zealand):

- Informed about the plan to work closely with universalization coordinators and ICRC in order to get perspectives of State parties how to best enhance implementation and universalization measures for CCM

Chair:

- Suggested to present a time line for the progress report in the next coordination meeting in order for the coordinators to plan their work and prepare for the Oslo progress report

Action points:

Ireland and Lao PDR to share draft strategy for circulation to CorCom for info and comments– done
 Mexico and Spain to share draft letter for circulation to CorCom for info and comments – done

Executive Coord to work with President in the preparation of draft timeline and outline for Oslo Progress Report for presentation at next CorCom meeting

Agenda Item 3 - ISU, next steps, by President

Chair:

- In the process of determining what will be needed from the ISU and from GICHD in terms of support for the CCM, a work plan is being developed which will include how to carry the mandate forward – dates and meetings – are tentative and will be confirmed and distributed mid-January 2012---work plan and calendar will be sent after holidays it will fix the dates for CorCom till Inter-sessionals in April 2012. Main outlines thus far:
 - 24th January 2012 – CorCom meeting – in which a draft paper of the CCM ISU will be presented together with draft questionnaire for the financing CCM ISU
- The information will thereafter be sent to all state parties – with a subsequent briefing for states will be held, tentatively scheduled for 1 February.
- Have open-ended consultations with state parties and meet with GICHD to be able to discuss what would be the best accord to have for CCM convention
- This will take us to April 2012 at which time the aim is to have a first draft agreement and report on progress of the work mandated to the President for broad consultations during the intersessionals

Action point: President to finalise and circulate workplan and calendar stretching to April 2012 by mid-January for discussion at CorCom meeting tentatively scheduled 24 January 2012.

Agenda Item 4 - Draft agenda for the Intersessionals

- Inputs and views were requested from all parties in advance of CorCom meeting 24 January.

Action point: Executive Coordinator to prepare draft agenda proposal for the intersessionals based on input provided by Coordinators for a first discussion and also alignment with the draft timeline and outline of the Oslo Progress Report at the CorCom meeting 24 January.

Agenda Item 5 - Date, agenda for open-ended consultations

- 24th January 2012 – CorCom meeting
- 1st February 2012 - Briefing to states
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Agenda Item 6 - AOB

- Nil

Chair: the President thanked all and wished everyone Seasons greetings and the best for the New Year.