



MINUTES OF THE CCM COORDINATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on Monday 28 August 2017

at the Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany, from 10:00 – 11:30 hours

1. Present

Germany - 7MSP President

H.E. Michael Biontino
Mr. Toralf Pilz

Australia

Mr. Hugh Watson
Ms. Thuy Nguyen

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Mr. Asim Dorović

Croatia

Ms. Ines Sprem Scigliano

France

Ms. Camille Guffet

Iraq

Mr. Emad Al-Juhaishi

Italy

Dr. Silvia Cattaneo

Mexico

Mr. Víctor Martínez

The Netherlands

Ms. Sachi Claringbould

Nicaragua – by Invitation

H.E. Hernán Estrada
Mr. Luis-Alberto Vargas

Norway

Ms. Hana Ryba Cervenka

Switzerland

Mr. Laurent Masméjean

CMC

Ms. Amélie Chayer

UNODA

Ms. Silvia Mercogliano

Secretariat ISU-CCM

Ms. Sheila Mweemba
Mr. Matthieu Laruelle
Ms. Elaine Weiss

Apologies received

Costa Rica
New Zealand
ICRC

Apologies not received

Chile

2. Opening Remarks by the President

President of the Seventh Meeting of States Parties (7MSP), Ambassador Michael Biontino of the Federal Republic of Germany, opened the seventh and last Coordination Committee meeting of 2017 under the German presidency with a warm welcome to all the Committee members.

The President took the opportunity to introduce and wholeheartedly welcome Ambassador Hernán Estrada and Mr. Luis-Alberto Vargas, Permanent and Alternate Permanent Representatives of the Permanent Mission of Nicaragua, who had applied to preside over the Eighth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions (8MSP) and were invited to the meeting as observers in order to facilitate a smooth hand-over of presidencies at the end of the 7MSP.

3. Approval of the Minutes of 14 August 2017

The Committee approved without corrections the draft Minutes of the Coordination Committee Meeting held on Monday 14 August 2017 as a correct record of what had been discussed and agreed to during that meeting.

4. Update from the 7MSP Presidency on Preparations for the 7th Meeting of States Parties (7MSP)

4.1 7MSP welcome reception

Ambassador Biontino expressed his gratitude to the government of Switzerland for co-hosting a welcome reception which would be held on Monday 4 September from 18h15 to 20h00 at the Domaine de Penthes. The President informed the meeting that invitations had just been sent out via email to all States Parties by the ISU-CCM Director.

4.2 7MSP documents

The President highlighted that the main reports to be considered at the meeting, namely (1) the review of the ISU-CCM Hosting Agreement between CCM States Parties and the GICHD; (2) review on elements on the exploration of possible synergies between ISUs; and (3) review of the ISU-CCM financing model; would be presented to States Parties on the first day of the 7MSP and that the draft texts elaborated by the Coordinators on the General Status of Operations would thereafter be circulated as a basis for the final report.

The President then invited the Director of the ISU-CCM to provide additional information pertaining to other aspects of the 7MSP.

4.3 Side events

The Director informed the meeting that the final number of side event requests was 5. She added that flyers for the events had also been finalized and included in the 400 giveaway bags that were prepared for the delegates participating in the 7MSP. She further reported that new flyers, if there were any, would have to be placed at the back of the Meeting room for delegates to collect upon arrival.

4.4 Sponsorship

The Director reminded the meeting that 21 States were offered sponsorships but not all of them had responded positively and that 9 had specifically requested sponsorship. She further informed that 19 States had responded and that arrangements for their travel and accommodation were being finalized.

4.5 Agenda of the meeting

The Director highlighted that the daily Coordination Committee Meeting during the 7MSP would be taking place at 09h15 in room E.3008 at the Palais des Nations, behind the main meeting room (Room XIX), which was the same room used for the Coordination Committee Meetings during the 6MSP. She assured the Coordinators that the ISU-CCM would continue to monitor the submission of Article 7 reports and inform the respective Coordinators if there was any relevant information that could be included in their thematic statements during the update at the 7MSP.

Additionally, the Director notified the Meeting that the final participants list would be prepared by UNODA as late registrations were still ongoing and expected to continue until the end of the week. Contributing to the discussion, UNODA informed the meeting that, to date, 60 States had registered their attendance, with 45 of these being States Parties, five signatory States and ten observer States.

The President communicated that it would be advisable to stick to the timing of the provisional agenda of the 7MSP as closely as possible, but it could be possible that adjustments would have to be made as the Meeting unfolded. The ISU Director advised the Coordinators to be ready to present their thematic statements at any time during the Meeting should the preceding thematic discussion end earlier than scheduled.

Adding to the discussion, Switzerland enquired if Coordinators would have name plates on the podium. The Director responded to its query by confirming that Coordinators would be invited to the podium by the President in order to deliver their statements.

Ambassador Biontino thanked the Director and UNODA for their updates and Switzerland for contributing to the discussion.

5. **Proposal on CCM Resolution at the 72nd United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)**

The President highlighted that it had become standard practice over the past two years for CCM MSP Presidencies to promote the adoption of a resolution on the implementation of the CCM at the General Assembly. He informed the Meeting that Germany would try to gain support for such an initiative at the First Committee in New York which would also highlight the work done on the country coalition concept and the structured dialogue. The President concluded that Germany would draft a text by the end of September.

The President further announced that Germany would be holding a side event on 26 October 2017 at the German House opposite the UN in New York, on the margins of the UN First Committee. He added that the event would for be an hour and a half, with refreshments provided. The Ambassador extended his welcome to all that would be in New York at that time and mentioned that ICBL-CMC would also be attending the event. He concluded by informing the meeting that the programme for the side event was yet to be confirmed and that information on it would be disseminated in the near future.

The ISU Director, in her contribution to the discussion, notified that the ISU would be supporting an event organized by New Zealand on National Implementation Measures in October 2017 and that New Zealand would provide an update on the event in due time.

6. Update from the ISU

ISU Finances

The Director reported that since the last Coordination Committee meeting 2 States Parties had made a contribution to the ISU Trust Fund of CHF 36'049.72 (7a and 7b). The Director further elaborated that as of that date, 40 States Parties out of 100 had contributed a total of CHF 404'256.99 out of the 2017 budget of CHF 455'511 amounting to approximately 89% of the total budget.

8. Any other business

Nicaragua thanked the President and the Meeting for the opportunity he and his team had been given to attend the Coordination Committee meeting. Ambassador Estrada explained that he was humbled to be given the opportunity to volunteer to preside over the 8MSP. He added that if Nicaragua were to be elected President of the 8MSP, it would look forward to working with the ISU, the Coordinators and civil society, and that it would honor the commitments that member States would be making at the 7MSP and UNGA. Nicaragua informed the meeting that its priority for the 8MSP would be to further universalize the Convention. He explained that he would do that partly by reaching out to States not Party, especially those that had expressed no clear objection to joining the Convention. Nicaragua announced that it might attend the UNGA First Committee meeting in New York. Ambassador Estrada concluded his address to the Meeting by stating that if Nicaragua were to preside over the 8MSP, it would have an open-door policy.

Ambassador Biontino thanked Ambassador Estrada wholeheartedly for his kind words and for the strong commitment of Nicaragua to the CCM.

9. Closing of the meeting

The President ended the meeting by reiterating his gratitude to the Coordination Committee and conveyed that he looked forward to seeing all the Coordinators on Monday, 4 September at 09h15 in Room E.3008 at the Palais des Nations.

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