



Meeting of the Friends of the President of the 1MSP to the CCM

30 November 2010

Minutes and action points

Summary

Following the 1MSP to the CCM, the first meeting of Friends was held, Tuesday 30 November. The meeting confirmed Friends and respective areas of work, considered a proposed first draft of architecture paper, and considered possible outcomes of the 2MSP. The meeting was opened and chaired by Ambassador Yong from the Lao Presidency with facilitation of agenda items 2-4 by the President's Executive Coordinator. The main elements discussed and various action points agreed are set out below and per the agenda annexed.

Debrief on 1MSP

Lao PDR presented the outcomes of the 1MSP, noting the views expressed by most, that this had been a highly successful meeting and that Lao PDR was very pleased. Ambassador Yong thanked all of the Friends of the President, CMC, UN and ICRC for their support in delivering this success and thanked them for all work they had done. Other states, the CMC and ICRC also praised the meeting, its outcomes, the strong sense of teamwork and role of the Presidency and the Lao Government.

Draft architecture

A food for thought paper on the future implementation architecture and an intersessional work programme was presented, for discussion and further elaboration as a basis for expected decisions at the 2MSP. The proposals relate to 1) an annual intersessional meeting for up to five days; 2) a series of 'working groups' with 'co-chairs' or 'coordinators'; 3) a 'coordination committee' involving the 'co-chairs' / 'coordinators', President, President-designate, civil society and international organisations; and, 4) a 'Convention Support Office' to fulfil functions outlined in support of the implementation of the convention. Consensus was reached with regards to the need for an independent support mechanism reporting directly to States Parties. Discussions were not exhaustive, further discussions are needed with regards to the organisation of work among 'working groups'.

Thematic roles and leads of Friends, interim period 1MSP – 2MSP; organisation of work

Ambassador Yong confirmed the list of Friends who agrees to continue in their roles of coordinating the thematic work as follows:

- Norway (general status and operation)
- Germany (stockpile destruction)
- Australia (clearance)
- Austria (victim assistance)
- South Africa (cooperation and assistance)
- Japan (universalisation)
- Belgium (transparency and reporting)
- New Zealand (national implementation measures)

The Presidency agreed to reconfirm with Austria, Japan and Mexico given that they were not present and conduct consultations with other states that have expressed interest in contributing to the work of the group of Friends under the Lao presidency. In addition, Ireland remains engaged in the work and Canada will confirm its ability to continue its work



with regard to the implementation architecture prior to the next meeting. As the number of areas of work indicated in the decisions of the 1st Meeting of States Parties is 8, additional Friends were requested to support the work of the Friends with specified area of work and actively engage in the discussions to help formulate consensus in preferred way forward. Additional discussion needed on the expectations of Friends, i.e. how further work will be conducted will be subject for the next meeting of Friends.

Outcomes of 2MSP

To help guide the priorities and work forward in advance of the intersessional work programme outlined for June 2011 in preparation for the 2nd Meeting of States Parties Friends discussed anticipated outcomes areas of the 2MSP including:

- a report on progress and challenges in fulfilling the Vientiane Action Plan;
- decisions on the future architecture of the CCM;
- location and presidency of 3MSP and,
- a possible political declaration deferred to the host country to decide.

Plans for 2MSP

Lebanon thanked the Friends, the Lao Presidency, CMC, UNDP, ICRC for the support and goodwill they have shown towards Lebanon and its offer to host and preside over the 2MSP. Lebanon noted it will work closely with the Lao Presidency and wishes to continue the good atmosphere and teamwork that led to a successful 1MSP. A first planning mission to Lebanon is set for the week of 13 December at which partners will start looking at the cooperation for and organisation of the 2MSP.

Action Points

- Revision of the food-for-thought paper on the future implementation architecture and an intersessional work programme based on feedback received and in time for the next Friends meeting tentatively set for end of Jan/beginning of Feb 2011.
- Presidency to hold an informal open-ended consultation in Geneva following the next Friends meeting in order to 1) introduce and inform of the new list of Friends, 2) outline the process of work towards the 2MSP, 3) circulate a revised draft paper on architecture and 4) inform on the future information platform for accessing information with regards to the work on the Convention. The Presidency also noted that it is working on a draft agenda for the intersessional meetings in June and would welcome input from Friends. Also that the Presidency would (re)confirm additional Friends.
- Executive Coordinator to circulate minutes to Friends for comments before uploading to the public domain at www.clusterconvention.org as an intermediate means of ensuring transparency and accessibility with regards to information and process; and to draw up a calendar for 2011 with a list of tentative dates for Friends meetings, informal briefings and other key events.
- All Friends, please review the contact list of Friends for any additions, corrections and amendments.



Friends meeting, 30 November 2010, 13:00 – 15:00
Palais, room S4. A light lunch will be served
Draft agenda

1. **Short debrief of 1MSP** – (Lao PDR)
 - Discussion
2. **Draft architecture**, draft 1 for discussion – (Canada)
 - Discussion
3. **Clarification/reconfirmation/additions of the thematic roles and leads of Friends**, interim period 1MSP – 2MSP – (Exec. Coord.),
 - Areas of work suggested include:
 - **General Status and operation of the Convention** (requested by Lao to be undertaken by Norway as a means of monitoring the Vientiane Action Plan)
 - **Victim Assistance** (undertaken by Austria in cooperation with Croatia in preps for 1MSP)
 - **Clearance and destruction of cluster munitions remnants and risk reduction education** (undertaken by Australia in cooperation with Slovenia in preps for 1MSP)
 - **Stockpile destruction including retention** (undertaken by Germany in cooperation with Belgium and Norway in preps for 1MSP)
 - **Universalisation** (undertaken by Japan in preps for 1MSP)
 - **Transparency** (reporting format undertaken by Belgium in preps for 1MSP)
 - **National Implementation measures** (undertaken by New Zealand in preps for 1MSP)
 - **Cooperation and assistance** (undertaken by South Africa in preps for 1MSP)
 - Discussion
4. **Expectations of outcomes 2MSP to guide work priorities for 2011–** (Exec Coord.)
 - Architecture
 - Location and Presidency of 3MSP
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 - Brief discussion
5. **Update on planning and organization of 2MSP** – Lebanon
6. **AOB**



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