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The Implementation Support Unit of the Convention on Cluster Munitions (ISU-CCM)

The Convention on Cluster Munitions is a humanitarian imperative-driven legal instrument which prohibits all use, production, transfer and stockpiling of cluster munitions. In addition, it establishes a framework for cooperation and assistance to ensure adequate assistance to survivors and their communities, clearance of contaminated areas, risk reduction education and destruction of stockpiles.
**Mandate**

Established in May 2015, the ISU’s main objective is to **support States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions** (CCM) on the implementation of the Convention. More specifically, the ISU is mandated by States Parties to undertake the following tasks:

- **Assist the President** and the **President-Designate** in all aspects of the Presidency; **support the Coordinators** in their tasks; prepare, support and follow up on tasks derived from decisions taken at formal and informal meetings of the Convention;

- Offer **advice and support to States Parties** on the implementation of the Convention;

- **Develop and maintain a resource base** of relevant technical expertise and practices, upon request, and provide States Parties with such resources;

- **Facilitate communication** among States Parties and other relevant actors, cooperate and coordinate amongst these and maintain public relations, including efforts to promote the universalization of the Convention;

- **Keep records of formal and informal meetings** under the Convention and other relevant knowledge products, expertise and information pertaining to the implementation of the Convention;

- Manage the **Sponsorship Programme** in collaboration with the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD) by providing guidance, input and support as necessary;

- **Serve as an interface** between States Parties and the international community on issues related to the implementation of the CCM.

**Hosting agreement**

The ISU is an independent entity which is hosted by the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD) in accordance with the **Hosting Agreement** reached between the States Parties and the GICHD in 2014.

**Work plan**

The First Review Conference of the Convention approved the ISU’s **5-year work plan and budget** for the period of 2016 to 2020. In addition to the 5-year work plan, more detailed **annual plans** can be found on the Convention’s website.

**Finances**

The ISU is financed through **annual and multi-year contributions** made by States Parties. Additionally, **voluntary contributions** can be made, either in a financial or in-kind form, by States Parties and other stakeholders.

**For more information**

Resources are available on the Convention’s website: [www.clusterconvention.org](http://www.clusterconvention.org)

Get in touch with the ISU team members if you have queries or need additional information: info@cmconvention.org