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10TH MEETING
OF STATES PARTIES
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GENEVA 2022

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CCM COORDINATION COMMITTEE

held on Friday 24th June 2022

at the Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom

from 10:00 to 11:00 hours

1. Present:

United Kingdom – 10MSP President

H.E. Mr. Aidan Liddle

Ms. Eleonora Saggese

Ms. Sylvia Osoba

Iraq – President-Designate (11MSP)

H.E. Mr. Abdul-Karim Hashim Mostafa

Mr. Mohammed Ridha Al-Haidari

Switzerland – Immediate Past President (2RC)

Mr. Boris Ganty

Australia

Ms. Thea Gellerfy

Bulgaria

Mr. Iassen Tomov

Chile

Ms. Pamela Moraga

France

Ms. Inès Mensah

Germany

Ms. Anna Mikeska

Mexico

Mr. Mariana Roa

Philippines

Ms. Hannah Abubakar

Spain

Mr. Juan Manglano

CMC

Mr. Hector Guerra

ICRC

Ms. Wen Zhou

UNODA

Ms. Silvia Mercogliano

Implementation Support Unit

Ms. Sheila N. Mweemba

Mr. Emad Al-Juhaishi

Ms. Elaine Weiss

Apologies received

Montenegro

Namibia

New Zealand

Sweden

2. Opening Remarks and Adoption of the Agenda

President of the 10th Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions (10MSP), Ambassador Aidan Liddle, cordially welcomed members of the Coordination Committee to their 10th Meeting under the Presidency of the United Kingdom. He extended a special welcome to Ambassador Abdul-Karim Hashim Mostafa, Permanent Representative of Iraq and 11MSP President-Designate. The President then gave a brief overview of the provisional Agenda of the Meeting and the Committee adopted it as presented.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Coordination Committee Meeting

The Coordination Committee approved, without correction, the Minutes of its Meeting held on 1 June 2022 as an accurate record of what had been discussed during that Meeting.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

4.1. Item 7.1 - 10MSP Presidency Universalisation Visit to Thailand

The President reported that his planned universalisation trip to Thailand could not take place as the Thai officials he had intended to meet in Bangkok were unavailable on the proposed dates of the visit. Ambassador Liddle assured the meeting that the presidency would continue to encourage Thailand and other countries in that region to accede to the Convention.

4.2. Item 7.2 - Article 3 Implementation Follow-Up

Ambassador Liddle informed that he was coordinating with Stockpile Destruction Coordinators, Australia and Bulgaria, to demarche South Africa in Pretoria on the implementation of its Article 3 obligations.

5. Preparations for the 10th Meeting of States Parties

The President reminded the Committee that as the meeting of States Parties was in only two months, the focus of the Meeting would be on the preparations for the 10MSP. Ambassador Liddle informed that the 10MSP funding situation had not changed since the last Committee meeting therefore some cost-cutting measures previously identified would have to be taken to ensure that the 10MSP could be held effectively and efficiently. The President recalled the productive discussion during the previous Coordination Committee meeting which had informed the decision of the presidency.

In this regard, Ambassador Liddle was confident that that a 4-day 10MSP could take place with interpretation services in all six UN languages, as agreed by States Parties at the Second Review Conference (2RC). This would be achieved in two ways.

1. The hybrid meeting services would regrettably have to be eliminated. However, the meeting would be broadcast via UN Web TV in all six languages to allow a degree of inclusivity, while keeping the cost manageable.
2. The presidency would work closely with UNODA to manage documentation with the available funds prioritising meeting services and thereafter the translation of documents. The President noted that there had been good management of the number of documents to be produced. He further noted that it was likely that not all documents would be translated by the 10MSP and that some of the translation would be delayed and only done when the requisite funds were available most probably after the Meeting.

The President reiterated that all the decisions taken were within the Rules of Procedure and the 2RC decisions. He thanked all those that had contributed to the good outcome of the consultations on the format of the 10MSP.

“With regards to other consultations on specific decisions to be taken at the 10MSP, Ambassador Liddle reported that the presidency had received valuable feedback on the selection procedure of future ISU Directors after the CCM Intersessional Meeting. The President informed that the document had since been updated and was ready for submission to UNODA for processing.

The President highlighted that the issue of the inclusion of a 15% contingency line in the Convention’s budget was still under discussion and that the presidency would convene an informal meeting to further consult on the matter in the week commencing on 25 July 2022. He informed that the presidency was looking for a room to hold the meeting at a time prior to a morning or afternoon session of the CCW Group of Governmental Experts (GGE) on lethal autonomous weapons systems (LAWS). He added that exact details of the meeting would be communicated once confirmed. He added that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the format of the 10MSP, logistical arrangements and provide an update on the decisions to be taken at the 10MSP.

The President then opened the floor for questions and comments on the preparations for the 10MSP. There being none, the President concluded the agenda item with warm thanks to the Committee for all its support in the preparations.

5. Updates on 10MSP Documentation including the 10MSP Progress Report

Ambassador Liddle acknowledged that the preparation of the 10MSP Progress Report relied heavily on the contributions of the thematic Coordinators as well as on the editorial support

of the ISU. He then invited the ISU Director to provide an update on the status of the document.

The ISU Director reminded the Meeting that the deadline for the Coordinators to submit their sections was at the end of that day. She reported that the ISU had already received all but two of the thematic submissions. She reported that the Coordinators of these two thematic areas had informed that they would be submitting their sections later that day. The Director hoped to circulate the first version of the consolidated draft Progress Report to the Committee by the end of the day. She further informed that the initial deadline for the ISU to submit the document to UNODA was 27 June, but the ISU had requested for a short extension up to 30 June so as to align the submission to the reporting period which was up to that date.

The President expressed his gratitude to the Coordinators for their timely submissions and to UNODA for granting the slight extension of the submission deadline.

6. Updates by Thematic Coordinators on the Implementation of their Mandates

6.1 General Status and Operation of the Convention (France and Namibia)

France reported that the draft Terms of Reference (TOR) for the CCM Gender Focal Points had been updated following the comments received from several States Parties. Furthermore, the Coordinators had also met bilaterally with some countries to discuss how to improve the document. France indicated that the document was ready for submission to UNODA for processing.

France informed that the Coordinators were planning to organise a side event in the margins of the 10MSP aimed at facilitating further discussions on the roles of the Coordinators on General Status and Operation as Gender Focal Points and on how to maintain gender mainstreaming in the work of the CCM. Several organisations would be invited to contribute to the event.

The President noted with appreciation the good progress made on the TOR and for the promising idea of the side event.

6.2 Universalisation (the Philippines and Spain)

Spain began its update by informing that the Philippines would provide a report on its outreach in Asia at the following meeting. Spain thereafter reported that the Coordinators were planning to reach out to the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) along with the APMBC Coordinators in order to simultaneously explore cooperation to advance universalisation of both Conventions. Spain explained that the Coordinators had not yet agreed on a date or specifics of the outreach which required more coordination. They also recognised that the IPU had to work with many treaties.

The President thanked Spain for the update and pointed out that he would look forward to hearing the update of the Philippines at the following Committee meeting.

6.3 Victim Assistance (Chile and Mexico)

Chile informed that the Coordinators were working on a 10MSP deliverable in the form of updating the *Guidance on an Integrated Approach to Victim Assistance*, a publication that Chile had worked on with other countries a few years before. Chile reported that the publication would be updated in accordance with the Lausanne Action Plan (LAP) where applicable or feasible.

6.4 Stockpile Destruction and Retention (Australia and Bulgaria)

Bulgaria reported that the Coordinators were preparing to consult with the presidency on the joint demarche to be delivered to South Africa. In that regard, Bulgaria informed that it would meet with the South African representative in Geneva the following Monday. Bulgaria expressed its confidence that this meeting would help make the joint intervention more precise and concrete.

Bulgaria reported that in a brief meeting with Slovakia, it had been informed that the tender process had moved along and a company to destroy Slovakia's cluster munition stockpile had been selected.

6.5 International Cooperation and Assistance (Germany and Montenegro)

Germany reported that besides participating in the work of the Analysis Group with regard to extension requests of States Parties, the Coordinators had met with Lebanon prior to the Intersessional Meeting, and that Lebanon had explained the benefits of its partnership with donor states. Lebanon had been encouraged to share its experiences in this regard at the ISM.

Germany also informed that France had positively responded to the invitation to establish a country coalition with Mauritania. Additionally, the Coordinators had engaged with two other States Parties that required international cooperation and assistance, Chad and Peru, and with other potential donors. Germany indicated that in light of the relatively small amounts that both countries reported to need, the Coordinators hoped to be able to help these States soon find the necessary support.

Ambassador Liddle informed that he had had bilateral meetings with Lebanon and Mauritania during the APMBC Intersessional Meeting on possible cooperation and assistance. The President commended the two States Parties for actively looking for partners.

6.6 Transparency Measures (Iraq)

Iraq was pleased to report that it had submitted its section of the 10MSP Progress Report which covered implementation of the thematic area since October 2020. Iraq informed that only 50 States Parties had submitted their 2021 annual transparency reports as on that day. Iraq further informed that it sent reminder letters the previous day to 32 States that had not submitted their Article 7 reports for at least two consecutive years.

The President thanked Iraq and all the Coordinators for their good work and concrete updates.

7. Update of the Implementation Support Unit - CCM Sponsorship Programme

The ISU Director notified that the ISU had prepared a list, for the approval of the Coordination Committee, of potential beneficiary States to be sponsored to participate in the 10MSP. The Director explained that some donors to the CCM Sponsorship Programme had indicated their preferences, for example, the nomination of female representatives. In line with the LAP, the ISU would also be informing States that nomination of persons with disability would increase the likelihood of a country being awarded the sponsorship. The ISU Director concluded her presentation by asking the Coordination Committee for its approval so that the invitation to apply for sponsorship notification could be sent out the following week. This would allow for sufficient time to get the requisite visas.

The President thanked the ISU Director for the presentation regarding the Sponsorship Programme. He noted that the Programme had sufficient funds to cover the participation of 25 delegates and that the available funds could possibly be stretched to cover up to 28 delegates. He also noted that sponsorship would be awarded on a first come, first served basis. As there were no objections to the list as presented, the President permitted the ISU to proceed to invite the States on the list to request sponsorship.

8. Next Coordination Committee Meeting

Ambassador Liddle announced that the next Coordination Committee Meeting would be held on Monday, 25 July 2022, at 13h15. He noted that it would be the last regular Coordination Committee Meeting before the 10MSP because during August, many of the disarmament delegates would be in New York participating in the Review Conference of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT).

The President reminded attendees that the presidency was looking for a room in which the informal consultations could be held in during the week commencing 25 July and would confirm that date as soon as possible.

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