



*Misión Permanente de la República de Nicaragua
ante la Oficina de las Naciones Unidas de Ginebra*



MINUTES OF THE CCM COORDINATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on Thursday 30 August 2018

in Conference Room 6A, Tower 3, Maison de la Paix, from 10:00 – 12:00 hours

1. Present:

Nicaragua - 8MSP Presidency

Mr. Carlos Morales Dávila

Ms. Nohelia Vargas Idiáquez

Australia

Mr. Hugh Watson

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Mr. Asim Dorović

Croatia

Ms. Ines Sprem Scigliano

France

Ms. Camille Gufflet

Germany

Mr. Toralf Pilz

Ireland

Dr. Patricia Cullen

Italy

Mr. Alessandro Mandanici

Lao PDR

Mr. Keovongvichith Phetsamone

Mozambique

Mr. Jaime Chissano

Netherlands

Ms. Sachi Claringbould

New Zealand

Ms. Katy Donnelly

Ms. Charlotte Skerten

Panama

Ms. Grisselle Rodriguez

Peru

Mr. Manuel Mundaca

Sri Lanka

H.E. Abdul Azeez

Zambia

Ms. Chileshe Veronica Nkole

CMC

Mr. Hector Guerra

UNODA

Ms. Silvia Mercogliano

ICRC

Ms. Kathleen Lawand

Ms. Clementine Rendle

Ms. Wen Zhou

Secretariat - ISU-CCM

Ms. Sheila Mweemba

Mr. Matthieu Laruelle

Ms. Gladys Kibui

2. Opening Remarks by the Presidency

The 8MSP President opened the last Coordination Committee meeting under the Presidency of Nicaragua by warmly welcoming Committee members. The Presidency then proceeded with the Agenda as presented.

3. Approve Minutes of the 6th August 2018 Coordination Committee Meeting

The Committee approved, without corrections, the Minutes of the Coordination Committee Meeting held on Monday 6th August 2018, as a correct record of what had transpired during that meeting.

4. Update by the Presidency on preparations for the 8th Meeting of States Parties (8MSP)

The President assured the meeting that preparations for the 8MSP were well underway and that he trusted that the meeting would be a success. Thereafter the President thanked the ISU for its continuous support and commended the Coordinators on the progress achieved during the past year. The President concluded by reiterating his team's availability during the MSP for consultations and any other type of support needed by Coordination Committee members.

5. Update by the ISU on preparations for the 8MSP

The Presidency invited the ISU Director to provide an update on the status of preparations for the 8MSP.

5.1 Annotated Programme of Work

The Director started by going through the Annotated Programme of Work which she highlighted was similar to that of the previous year. The Director reminded that adjustments would probably have to be made to the programme of work during the meeting as it was a rolling agenda. She advised the Coordinators to be ready at all times during the 8MSP should a section of the Meeting be shifted or end earlier than planned, in which case they might be asked to present their report before the indicated time..

5.2 Practical organization of the Meeting

The Director confirmed that as in previous years, the Coordinators would be invited to the podium by the President in order to deliver their statement. She also informed Coordinators that if they wished to do so, the President would ask them to wrap up their respective thematic discussion with concluding remarks.

The Director highlighted that the daily Coordination Committee Meeting during the 8MSP would be taking place at 9:30am each day in room E1058/1060 at the Palais des Nations, behind the main meeting room (Room XVIII) where the offices were located. She confirmed that there were sufficient offices for Coordinators to hold private consultations if necessary during the Meeting.

5.3 Side events

The Director explained that two side event rooms had been made available for the 8MSP namely Room XXIV and Room XXV. She added that they were 6 confirmed side events, 2 of which were organized by States Parties with Article 4 obligations.

Australia, speaking on behalf of the thematic Coordinators, informed the meeting that it would organize together with the Lebanon Mine Action Centre a side event on *Operationalising Country Coalitions: the Lebanon Mine Action Forum* on Wednesday 5 September.

Mozambique, reporting on behalf of Coordinators on Stockpile destruction, extended a warm welcome to new Committee members and informed the meeting that Article 3 Coordinators would moderate a side event on *Stockpile Destruction: CCM Article 3 - Progress and Challenges* organized by Norwegian People's Aid and Human Rights Watch also on Wednesday 5 September.

The CMC Director informed the meeting that the Cluster Munition Monitor was being officially launched as he spoke and that there would be a specific lunch-time side event for 8MSP delegates entitled *Cluster Munition Monitor 2018 briefing* on Monday 3rd September.

5.4 10th Anniversary of the CCM

The ISU Director reminded the meeting that an informal reception co-sponsored by 5 States would take place at the Serpentine bar on Monday 3 September at 6pm and that invitations would be included in the welcome pack. The Director also confirmed that the event would feature 3 guest speakers: H.E. Hans Brattskar, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Norway, H.E. Michael Gaffey, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Ireland and ICBL-CMC Director, Mr. Hector Guerra. The Director concluded by saying that in order to keep the spirit of the event informal, the microphone would be left open for other guests to take the floor.

5.5 List of Participants

Contributing to the discussion, the UNODA representative informed the meeting that, as at that day, 55 States had registered their attendance, with 46 of these being States Parties, 9 signatory States and 11 observers. UNODA also informed that 110 people had registered on the Indico platform. The representative further highlighted that the UN Under-Secretary-General High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, Ms. Izumi Nakamitsu, would address the meeting in a video statement during the opening ceremony.

She further informed the meeting that as was the usual practice, a number of regional organizations and NGOs had sent requests to participate in the Meeting of States Parties. These included amongst others the Center for International Stabilization and Recovery (CISR) from James Madison University, MAG, Halo Trust, and the Soldiers of Peace International Association. To that end, she mentioned that States Parties would find a note on their desk approving the participation of these organizations. To conclude, UNODA informed that the draft list of participants and the draft final report would be circulated on Tuesday 4 September in the morning.

5.6 8MSP Sponsorship Programme

The Director informed the Committee that the Sponsorship Programme had been able to cover the participation costs of 16 State delegates through funds provided by 3 donor States (Australia, Canada and Switzerland).

5.7 Update on the search for new CCM Thematic Coordinators

The Director provided an update on the States that had expressed their interest to oversee the work of thematic working groups up to 2020 as follows:

- *Stockpile Destruction and Retention*: Austria (to replace Croatia) and to work with Mozambique

- *Clearance and Risk Reduction*: Sweden (to replace The Netherlands) and to work with Lao PDR
- *International Cooperation and Assistance*: Netherlands (to replace Australia) to work with Peru
- *Reporting*: Iraq to replace Zambia
- *National Implementation Measures*: New Zealand to continue as Coordinator
- *General Status and Operation of the Convention*: Zambia (to replace Bosnia and Herzegovina) to work with Germany

She also explained that she was awaiting confirmation from one State Party regarding Victim Assistance and that the position for universalization coordinator still had no States indicating any interest :

- *Universalization*: replace France to work with Panama
- *Victim Assistance*: replace Italy to work with Ireland

6. Update on the financing of the Implementation Support Unit of the CCM

The ISU Director reported to the meeting that since the last update an additional 2 States Parties had made financial contributions to the ISU Trust Fund amounting to a total of CHF 43'405.01. She explained that 53 out of the 102 States Parties had until then made contributions to the 2018 annual budget amounting to just over CHF 372'624.70 against a budget of CHF 465'440 which represents approximately 80% of the total budget. Therefore, there remained a balance of CHF 92'815.30 still to meet the full budget. The Director however, highlighted that 3 of the usual big funders were yet to make their contributions this year and that if these contributed at 2017 levels then the full budget would be met.

7. Any other business

7.1 Introducing new Coordination Committee members

ICRC Head of Arms Unit, Ms. Kathleen Lawand, introduced the ICRC's new CCM focal point, Ms Wen Zhou. In thanking Ms. Rendle who had been holding the ad interim position, Ms Lawand reiterated her team's complete support to the full implementation of the Convention's objectives.

Newly appointed CMC Director, Mr. Hector Guerra, introduced himself to the Committee members as he was attending the CCM Coordination Committee meeting for the first time in his new capacity. He warmly thanked his colleague Ms. Amélie Chayer for representing the CMC as Acting Director at the Coordination Committee meetings and explained that she would continue to do so.

Ms Katy Donnelly representative of New Zealand, Coordinator on National Implementation Measures, also introduced her new colleague, Ms. Charlotte Skerten who would be taking over the portfolio from her in January 2019. New Zealand reiterated its full support to the Presidency and thanked both the ICRC and CMC for their work. New Zealand concluded by informing the meeting that this would be Mr. Hugh Watson, representative of Australia's last Coordination Committee and therefore warmly thanked him for his dedication and the achievements recorded.

Contributing to the discussion, the Italian representative, Mr. Alessandro Mandanici introduced himself as the Permanent Mission's new Deputy Permanent Representative in charge of disarmament issues.

Finally, both the representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Mr. Asim Dorović, and of Croatia, Ms. Ines Sprem Scigliano bade farewell to the Coordination Committee as this would be their last

meeting. They wholeheartedly thanked everyone for their support and wished the best to incoming members.

The Presidency extended a warm welcome to the incoming Coordination Committee members and thanked those that were leaving for their commitment and dedication. The President concluded the meeting by thanking the ISU and UNODA for the outstanding support provided in the organization of the 8MSP.