

*5th Meeting of the CCM Coordination Committee*

*Tuesday 28 February*

**Minutes and Action Points**

**List of Attendees:**

- Lebanon (President),
- Norway (President-Designate),
- Holy See (General Status and Operation of the Convention in 2012)
- Zambia (General Status and Operation of the Convention in 2012 and 2013)
- Japan (Universalisation in 2012)
- Portugal (Universalisation in 2012 and 2013)
- Austria (Victim Assistance in 2012)
- Bosnia and Herzegovina (Victim Assistance in 2012 and 2013)
- Laos (Clearance and Risk Reduction Education in 2012)
- Ireland (Clearance and Risk Reduction Education in 2012 and 2013)
- Germany (Stockpile Destruction and Retention in 2012)
- Croatia (Stockpile Destruction and Retention in 2012 and 2013)
- Spain (Cooperation and Assistance in 2012)
- Mexico (Cooperation and Assistance in 2012 and 2013)
- Belgium (Transparency Reporting in 2012 and 2013)
- New Zealand (National Implementation Measures in 2012 and 2013)
- CMC
- UNDP in capacity of Exec Coord team
- UNODA

**Agenda Item 1** – Welcome and introduction by the President

- Thanked participants for being here despite heavy calendars. Thanked all for having met with her team in the previous week to discuss the Presidency's plans for the open-ended consultations on the 29<sup>th</sup> of February and for having provided her with their views. Made reference to the agenda which was circulated last week and asked for any potential additions or comments to the agenda.

**Agenda Item 2** – Preparations for the Open-Ended Consultations

The President shared her sentiments towards CorCom about the future CCM ISU: there is a common feeling and understanding that the future CCM ISU is an important means to assist the states in translating the implementation efforts into practices that will change realities on the ground and assist them in fulfilling their treaty obligations. Pointed to the increasing number of States Parties, and the consequently growing need

to institutionalize the work on the Convention in order to effectively feed into assisting victims, clearing contaminated lands and destroying stockpiles.

- The President then indicated that the working paper (submitted by the President) reflected in her opinion a coherent basis on which they would like to place the corner stone of future activities in this regard. The President stated that she has taken into consideration all the remarks and comments which have been highlighted, and remains open to any other later on.
- The President underlined that the establishment of the ISU will inevitably involve an agreement on its financing. It would thus be essential to identify a practical and sustainable solution to this issue so as to guarantee its budget and its capacity to enact the mandate that it has already received from States Parties. Referring to on-going consultations with States on a potential financial model for an ISU, the President shared that positions regarding a suitable financing model range from fully assessed to fully voluntary. The President added, however, that she was confident that weighted against the collaborative spirit and openness generally displayed and bearing in mind all the elements that would be conducive to a functional, independent, effective and inclusive ISU, there is a way to find options that all can agree on.
- The President stated that in addition to the working paper that has been circulated to all States Parties and Signatories, three financial models with the necessary clarifications will be presented during the “Open-ended consultations on the ISU Mandate and the CCM” on 29 February. She further added that the “Elements for a Draft Decision on the President’s Proposals for the Hosting Agreement of and the Financing Model for an Implementation Support Unit for the Convention on Cluster Munitions” will be mentioned in the presentation but not be circulated. As this paper remains a work in progress, it would first be necessary to gauge feelings within the Coordination Committee on the document in its entirety, with a view to amending the proposals if necessary before then putting it forward to the wider circle of States Parties.
- The President indicated that the discussions on the ISU and the financing aspect would consume the most time and asked the CorCom to be prepared to present briefly during the next day’s meeting on their respective thematic areas. She further mentioned that the provisional programme of work of the Intersessionals would be presented and asked Norway to prepare a briefing about the ongoing preparations for the Third MSP. The President informed the CorCom that a letter will be sent out to those Coordinators whose terms will come to an end by the 3 MSP, which will include, a request to start consultations identifying their respective replacements.

- The President then opened the floor for discussions.

## **Discussions**

Germany (Coord. Stock. Destruct.): Thanked the Presidency for outlining the next day's meeting procedure. Inquired when the Invitation letter for the Intersessional Meeting and an information package for the participants will be sent out.

Croatia (Coord. Stock. Destruct.): Would like to clarify whether specific invitation letters to the Intersessional Meetings by the respective Coordinators should be sent out individually or in a complete package.

President: Underlined importance of States Parties' input on their needs at the Intersessionals. Hence, would like to convene another meeting before the Intersessionals to compile a "Road Map for the Intersessionals". Concerning the specific invitation letters, pointed to Spain and Portugal that have already sent out invitation letters. Considers this is a good way of proceeding if Coordinators could jointly sign and directly send the letters.

(Exec. Coord): Informed CorCom that the invitations for the Intersessionals will be sent out during the second week of March. Underlines that UNDP would be pleased to gather the invitations for the meetings and send them as a preparatory package before the Intersessionals.

Further suggested to the participants a working level meeting in mid-March to discuss how the individual sessions will be run and how topics will feed into each other.

Croatia (Coord. Stock. Destruct.): Extended her thanks for the meeting and praised the positive dynamics of the Intersessional preparations. Apologized for not being able to attend the next day's "Open-ended consultations" due to an official visit. Regarding the Coordinators' letters for the Intersessionals, would prefer to bundle the letters at the Executive Coordinator's Team as sending it directly would require involving the Capital and hence take too much time.

Austria (Coord. Vict. Assist.): Thanked the Presidency and her team for convening the meeting and preparing the papers on the ISU and financial models. Expressed her enthusiasm for a working-level meeting that should be very useful for identifying cross-cutting points and how to support each other.

President: Thanked Austria for contribution and promised to come back with dates for a working-level meeting.

Mexico (Coop. and Assist.): Thanked the President and Ahmad for their work and the closeness in preparations. Would like to clarify that letters sent out by Mexico and Spain were requesting very specific contributions for a specific project and was not intended to

establish a precedent. Would like to get clarification on the working level meeting and hoped that another meeting of the Coordination Committee will be held before the Intersessionals. Underlined that Intersessional invitations would have to be sent out before such a meeting and wondered when invitations would be circulated if the Coordination Committee Meeting is that close the Intersessionals.

Exec Coord: Clarified that the invitations for the Intersessionals will be send out next week and that the Working level meeting will be more informal and doesn't change the schedule of the Coordination Committee meetings.

CMC: Referring to the invitation letters, encouraged the Coordinators to prepare similar letters that focus not only on progress but also provides details on what remains to be done and how SPs plan to fulfill their obligations under the Convention. Insisted on the need to send the letters as soon as possible, this will increase the involvement of people.

Germany (Stock. Destruct.): Referring to outgoing Coordinators, inquired how far these will be tasked with finding a replacement. Inquired whether letters encouraging this will be sent out. Emphasized that it would be helpful to conduct the replacement in a transparent procedure and that this would serve as a good basis for further consultations with interested states.

President: Mentioned that Norway will also work on that and hopes to collaborate with them in this regard.

The President declared the meeting closed and reiterated that, along with the Executive Coordination team, she would remain at their disposal in the lead up to upcoming events.