STATEMENT BY BRAZIL ON ISSUES CONCERNING THE WORK UNDERTAKEN BY THE COORDINATION COMMITTEE

Brazil welcomed the recommendation taken at the 3rd Meeting of States Parties to the Mine Ban Treaty that the Coordination Committee reports regularly on its functioning to the intersessional meetings and also to the annual meeting of States Parties.

Brazil is following with great interest the reports of the Coordination Committee available in the web site of the GICHD.

We thank the CC for its reports.

The Brazilian delegation reminds its position that the Coordination Committee is not expected to consider issues that, by its nature, should clearly require the involvement of the whole community of States Parties in their consideration.

The reports of the meetings of the CC and the up-date just given by the presidency of the Conference have given assurances that the CC is not involved in the consideration of such issues.

We thank members of the Coordination Committee for their openness and for their understanding the Brazilian positions.

STATEMENT BY BRAZIL ON ISSUES CONCERNING THE "IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT UNION (ISU)"

The Brazilian delegation welcomes the establishment of the "Implementation Support Unit" within the "Geneva International Center for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD)".

We are sure that the ISU can contribute positively to the Intersessional Programme and to the efficiency of the activities that have been carried out by the international community in the framework of the Convention.

We are sure that the ISU will provide basic secretariat support for the Conference of States Parties, for the Standing Committees and for the Coordination Committee.

We understand that the ISU will be accountable to States-Parties and we are convinced that it will work in conformity with the mandate established by the States Parties, so contributing to the good functioning of the Intersessional Programme.

By choosing Mr. Kerry Brinkert as manager of the ISU, Ambassador Martin Dahinden has chosen "the right person for the right place".

On behalf of the Brazilian delegation, I wish you, Mr. Brinkert, all success in your functions.