



Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer
of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction

INTERSESSIONAL PROGRAMME 2003-2004

**AGENDA FOR THE WEEK OF STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS
9-12 February 2004**

**Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining
Room A, avenue de la Paix (WMO Building), Geneva**

MONDAY 9 FEBRUARY

Official opening of the week of Standing Committee meetings

10:00 Remarks by the President of the Fifth Meeting of the States Parties and the Director of the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining

Standing Committee on the General Status and Operation of the Convention

10:15 Opening of the meeting by the Co-Chairs

Overview of the general status of implementation

- Update on implementation and on the application of the President's Action Programme: President of the Fifth Meeting of the States Parties

Overview of the general status of universalization

- Coordinator of the Universalization Contact Group (Canada)
- An opportunity for interventions by States not Parties with respect to their efforts to proceed with formal acceptance of the Convention

Update on the mobilisation of resources to achieve the Convention's humanitarian aims

- Coordinator of the Resource Mobilisation Contact Group (Norway)

Update on Article 7 reporting

- Coordinator of the Article 7 Contact Group (Belgium)

13:00 Break for lunch.

15:00 Experiences in implementing Article 1

- An opportunity for States Parties to share, how in operational terms, Article 1 of the Convention is being implemented.

Experiences in implementing Article 2

- An opportunity for States Parties to share how, in legal and / or operational terms, Article 2 of the Convention is being implemented, as well as to share steps taken, and to discuss possible approaches including best practices, to reduce the humanitarian impact of mines that may pose similar risks to civilian populations as anti-personnel mines.

Experiences in implementing Article 3

- An opportunity for States Parties to provide brief updates related to Article 3.

Matters pertaining to the Convention's compliance provisions

- An opportunity for States Parties to share updates on legal, administrative and other measures taken in accordance with Article 9.
- Update on the dialogue related to the facilitation and clarification of compliance (Canada)

Matters pertaining to the general operations of the Convention

- Coordinating Committee Update: President of the Fifth Meeting of the States Parties
- Implementation Support Unit Update: Director of the GICHD and Manager of the Implementation Support Unit
- Sponsorship Programme Update: Programme Coordinator (United Kingdom)

Closing remarks by the Co-Chairs

18:00 Meeting ends.

TUESDAY 10 FEBRUARY

Standing Committee on Victim Assistance and Socio-Economic Reintegration

10:00 Opening of the meeting by the Co-Chairs

Overview of the status of implementation

- Presentation by the Co-Chairs
- Views of the ICBL on the state of implementation

Updates from relevant States Parties on the status of implementation

- An opportunity for updates from States Parties with respect to the problems they face, their plans, progress and priorities for assistance. (See document #4.)

13:00 Break for lunch.

15:00 Introduction of the participants of the *Raising the Voices* initiative.

Updates on regional victim assistance efforts

- An opportunity for updates by various actors involved in recent regional activities.

Updates from those in a position to do so regarding assistance and cooperation

- An opportunity for donors to share information on their activities as well as for all actors to discuss the means available to assist States Parties in meeting their obligations.

Matters of a thematic nature pertaining to victim assistance

- Successful economic reintegration initiatives
- Enhancing cooperation between providers of prosthetics and orthopedic services
- Physical accessibility
- Other relevant matters

Closing remarks by the Co-Chairs

18:00 Meeting ends.

Reception

18:15 Reception hosted by the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining

WEDNESDAY 11 FEBRUARY

Standing Committee on Mine Clearance, Mine Risk Education and Mine Action Technologies

10:00 Opening of the meeting by the Co-Chairs

General overview of the status of implementation

- Update on implementation (Co-Chairs)
- Views of the ICBL on the state of implementation

Updates from mine affected States Parties on the status of implementation

- An opportunity for updates from States Parties with respect to the problems they face, their plans, progress and priorities for assistance with regards to meeting their deadlines. (See document #6.)

13:00 Break for lunch.

15:00 Updates from those in a position to do so regarding assistance and cooperation

- An opportunity for updates from States Parties and others regarding their plans, efforts and initiatives in assisting mine affected States Parties in implementing Article 5.

Update by the United Nations on its revised mine action strategy and on its activities

Survey of progress made and ongoing work in mine action technologies.

Closing remarks by the Co-Chairs

18:00 Meeting ends.

THURSDAY 12 FEBRUARY

Standing Committee on Stockpile Destruction

10:00 Opening of the meeting by the Co-Chairs

An overview of the status of stockpile destruction

- Co-Chairs' presentation on progress in implementation of Article 4
- Views of the ICBL on the state of implementation

Updates from relevant States Parties on the status of implementation

- Presentations by States Parties with deadlines prior to the First Review Conference.
- Presentations by States Parties with deadlines following the First Review Conference.
- Presentations by States not Parties in destroying stockpiled AP mines.

13:00 Break for lunch.

15:00 Update on assistance and cooperation

- Food-for-thought: An overview of the range of opportunities to request and provide assistance for stockpile destruction.
- A case study in cooperation: NAMSA projects in Europe.
- Opportunity for interventions by State Parties and others pertaining to assistance and cooperation regarding stockpile destruction.

Matters of a thematic nature related to stockpile destruction:

- Best practices in destroying stockpiled mines discovered after the end of destruction deadlines.

Closing remarks by the Co-Chairs.

Week of Standing Committee meetings ends. Closing remarks by the President and the Director of the GICHD

18:00 Meeting ends.

FRIDAY 13 FEBRUARY

First Preparatory Meeting in advance of the First Review Conference

Note: A separate notice, agenda and background for this meeting will be distributed by the Executive Secretary of the First Review Conference.