



**MINUTES OF A VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE CCM COORDINATION COMMITTEE**

**Held on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021**

**from 12:00 to 13:00 hours**

**1. Present:**

Switzerland – 2RC President

H.E. Mr. Félix Baumann

Mr. Lukas Eberli

Mr. Jonas Wolfensberger

United Kingdom – 10MSP President-Designate

H.E. Mr. Aidan Liddle

Australia

Mr. Diwaka Prakash

Austria

Mr. Christoph Sternat

Chile

Ms. Pamela Moraga

Namibia

Ms. Xungileni Chitundu

Netherlands

Mr. Reint Vogelaar

New Zealand

Ms. Charlotte Skerten

Spain

Mr. Juan Manglano

Sweden

Mr. Niklas Nilsson

Zambia

Ms. Chileshe Nkole

CMC

Ms. Kasia Derlicka-Rosenbauer

Mr. Aaron Lainé

ICRC

Ms. Wen Zhou

Implementation Support Unit

Mr. Emad Al-Juhaishi

Ms. Elaine Weiss

## **2. Opening remarks by the President**

President of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Review Conference of the Convention on Cluster Munitions, Ambassador Félix Baumann, expressed his pleasure to see the Coordination Committee members on the first meeting after the summer break and warmly welcomed them to the fifth meeting of the year under the Swiss Presidency. He apologized for not holding the Meeting before the informal briefing, held on 27 August 2021, as per usual practice, which was not possible due to scheduling restrictions.

## **3. Approval of the Minutes of the previous Coordination Committee Meeting**

The Minutes of the Coordination Committee Meeting held on Friday, 11 June 2021, were approved as an accurate record of the proceedings that had taken place during that Meeting. The President thanked the Implementation Support Unit (ISU) for its commitment in providing the Minutes.

## **4. Update on the state of the preparations for Part 2 of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Review Conference (2RC)**

The 2RC President reminded the Meeting that during the informal briefing held the previous week where the draft provisional programme of work was discussed, some comments were made by States Parties, in particular on agenda item 7, *Reaffirming the determination to put an end to the suffering caused by cluster munitions*. Following the briefing and in response to these comments, the President communicated through a letter to States Parties on 31 August 2021. In the letter, he reiterated that agenda item 7 would begin at the opening session of the 2RC Part 2 with statements by a number of dignitaries representing the different stakeholders of the Convention as per the usual practice, and resume at the start of the third session on the first day of the Conference when delegations would have the opportunity to make their interventions. Ambassador Baumann affirmed that statements would be strictly limited to a maximum of 5 minutes. He called upon delegations to provide the name of the speaker and the modalities of the delivery of delegation statements to the Secretariat.

Regarding the substantial documents to be adopted at the 2RC Part 2, the President informed that they would be finalized and circulated a week before the Conference as the Presidency was still awaiting the response of one delegation on the Lausanne Action Plan (LAP). He added that he had planned to follow up privately with that particular delegation on this outstanding issue at the informal consultation the following Monday, 6 September 2021. Furthermore, the President affirmed that he had taken note on the concerns of some delegations with regard to the suggested 15% contingency of the cost estimates of the Meetings of States Parties and Review Conferences.

Ambassador Baumann conveyed his warm appreciation to the Article 4 Analysis Group for their efficient work in recent months in analysing the extension requests to be considered at the 2RC Part 2 and submitting the analysis reports that were being uploaded onto the UNODA website.

With regard to the composition of the Coordination Committee following the conclusion of the 2RC, the President expressed his satisfaction in having found candidates to fill out all the outstanding positions since the last update on this subject. He announced the following:

General Status & Operation of the Convention	France to replace Zambia as Co-Coordinator with Namibia
Universalization	Spain to replace Chile as Co-Coordinator with the Philippines
Victim Assistance	Chile to replace Spain as Co-Coordinator with Mexico
Clearance and Risk Education	Guyana to replace Sweden as Co-Coordinator with Afghanistan
Stockpile Destruction	Bulgaria to replace Austria as Co-Coordinator with Australia
International Cooperation & Assistance	Germany to replace the Netherlands as Co-Coordinator with Montenegro
Reporting	Iraq to continue as Coordinator
National Implementation Measures	New Zealand to continue as Coordinator

Ambassador Baumann warmly acknowledged the contribution of the current Coordination Committee to the work of the Convention and expressed his gratitude to the Committee members for their two years of engagement under the Swiss Presidency.

In his contribution to the discussion, Ambassador Liddle of the United Kingdom conveyed his appreciation to the remaining Committee members who will be serving until the 10MSP. He also expressed his anticipation in welcoming the incoming members.

#### 5. **Informal consultations on paragraph 8 of the Lausanne Declaration**

Ambassador Bauman reported that the key outstanding issue was that delegations had not achieved consensus on the wording “promotion of the norm” in Paragraph 8 of the Lausanne Declaration. Therefore, the Presidency had agreed to focus on this issue during the upcoming informal consultations with delegations, the first of which would take place on Monday, 6 September 2021, from 13:00-15:00 hrs in Room XXI of the Palais des Nations. The President indicated that should further discussions on this topic be necessary, another consultation session would be held on Monday, 13 September 2021, at the same time in Room XXIV.

Ambassador Baumann outlined the Agenda of the informal consultation, which was attached as an annex to the letter he sent to States Parties on 31 August 2021. He informed that he would present the current status of the paragraph on norm promotions so that delegations would be on the same page at the beginning of the informal consultation. He would then present the compilation of the different wordings adopted at past meetings of the Convention, which was also attached as an annex to his letter. This would be followed by open floor discussions to allow all delegations to present their views on the paragraph. The President expressed his hope of achieving common agreement on the language of the paragraph in the near future.

In the ensuing discussion, Ambassador Baumann informed that despite further consultations held following the 2RC Part 1, the text of paragraph 8 of the Lausanne Declaration had remained unchanged as that in the draft presented at the 2RC Part 1. For the sake of transparency, Spain enquired if the latest drafts of the substantial documents could be circulated as soon as possible

to allow for delegations to have enough time to prepare for the conference and avoid unexpected disagreements at the Conference, not only with regard to the Lausanne Declaration but also to all other documents. In response, the President affirmed his commitment to transparency and inclusivity concerning consultations on all substantial documents and issues, and indicated that the Presidency would circulate the documents as early as possible, which would most likely be during the week before the Conference.

## **6. Update by thematic coordinators on any activities since the last Committee meeting**

### International Cooperation and Assistance (Montenegro & Netherlands)

The Netherlands, on behalf of the International Cooperation and Assistance Coordinators, extended its welcome to the new representative of Sweden to the Coordination Committee, Mr. Niklas Nilsson, who had replaced Mr. John Brante as Co-coordinator on Clearance and Risk Reduction.

The Netherlands reported that the Coordinators had received a request from Mauritania to organize a side event in the margins of the 2RC Part 2 with the aim of establishing a Mauritanian Country Coalition to implement the work plan presented in Mauritania's Article 4 extension request. The Netherlands informed that the meeting would most likely be held at 12:00-13:00 hrs on the first day of the Conference with potential operators and donor states. The Coordinators had worked with the ISU in developing the concept note of the meeting which had been shared with Mauritania to acquire its feedback. Thereafter, a number of operators and donors countries would be invited to the meeting and to find out whether they can move forward.

The Swedish representative thanked the Netherlands for the warm welcome and informed that he would be reaching out to his colleague from Afghanistan and the ISU in the near future.

Ambassador Baumann extended his warm welcome to Mr. Nilsson of Sweden and expressed his pleasure at Mauritania's expression of interest in establishing a country coalition.

## **7. Update by the Implementation Support Unit**

### **7.1 Financing of the ISU**

The Implementation Support Specialist informed that since the last update in May 2021, 10 States Parties had contributed approximately CHF 150'000 to the ISU Trust Fund and that to date, 38 States Parties had contributed to the 2021 budget amounting to almost two thirds of the annual budget. However, this amount was lower than what the ISU had received at the same time in the previous year. In order to address the shortfall, the ISU sent reminders to States Parties that had not made their contributions to the ISU 2021 budget on 11 August 2021.

## 7.2 Extension requests

The Implementation Support Specialist reported that since the last Coordination Committee Meeting, the ISU had received and uploaded the Article 4 extension requests of Chile, Mauritania and Afghanistan onto the CCM website.

Furthermore, on 27 August 2021, Chile submitted its work plan to conduct technical surveys of all suspected cluster munition contaminated sites as was requested by the Article 4 Analysis Group in its draft decision on Chile's extension request. The ISU had circulated the work plan to the Presidency and the Analysis Group and made it available on the CCM website.

## 7.3 Briefings by the ISU

On 10 June and 13 August 2021, the ISU had participated in consultations on Iraq's draft Mine Action Strategy organized by the GICHD. Moreover, the ISU had conducted a virtual briefing on the Convention to GICHD newcomers on 15 July 2021.

## 7.4 2RC Part 2 side events

The Implementation Support Specialist indicated that a number of groups, such as the CMC, the ICRC, the GICHD and the Mines Advisory Group (MAG) had previously expressed their interest in organizing side events in the side lines of the 2RC Part 2. In response, the ISU had made the side event registration form available on its website and would be expecting to receive several requests the following week.

## 7.5 Follow up with States Parties with outstanding CCM obligations

The ISU had continued to follow up with States Parties with obligations, in particular Articles 3, 4 and 7 to ensure compliance. Since the last update, the ISU had met with a number of States in this regard including Afghanistan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Mauritania and Peru.

Ambassador Baumann thanked the Implementation Support Specialist for the update. He communicated his excitement to learn of the organization of side events in the margins of the 2RC Part 2 and highlighted that they were an important feature of the Review Conference. He expressed his hope that the reminders sent by the ISU to States Parties that had not contributed to the 2021 ISU budget would yield tangible results.

## 8. **Any other business:**

### Changes in representatives of the Coordination Committee

The Australian representative, Mr. Diwaka Prakash, informed that it was his last Coordination Committee Meeting as he would be completing his posting in Geneva the following week and would be handing over his duties to his successor, Ms. Michelle Carr. He thanked all the Committee members for all their cooperation in the past two years.

In contributing to the announcements, Mr. Aaron Lainé informed that he had recently replaced Ms. Diana Prado as Advocacy and Campaigns Manager at the CMC.

Ambassador Baumann took the opportunity to express his gratitude to Mr. Prakash of Australia for his engagement and all the hard work in his role as Co-Coordinator on Stockpile Destruction. He also extended his warm welcome to Mr. Lainé of the CMC.

**9. Next Coordination Committee Meeting**

The President conveyed his appreciation to all who attended the Coordination Committee Meeting that day despite the not-so-ideal lunch break time slot of the Meeting. He reiterated his gratitude to the Committee members and the ISU for all their hard work and support in the lead up to the 2RC Part 2.

He informed that while the date had not been confirmed, the next Coordination Committee Meeting would likely take place on Friday, 17 September 2021. He further proposed that a short Coordination Committee Meeting take place on the morning of 21 September 2021, as per usual practice, before the opening of Day 2 of the 2RC Part 2.

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