

Meeting of the ICBL-CMC Governance Board

Phnom Penh, Cambodia
26 November and 3 December 2011

SUMMARY MINUTES (Circulated 1 February 2012)

These are summary minutes of the meeting of the Governance Board of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines and the Cluster Munition Coalition (ICBL-CMC) held in Phnom Penh at the beginning and end of the 11th Meeting of States Parties to the Mine Ban Treaty. Both parts of the meeting were brief (not more than 3 hours). Prior to this the Board last met in Geneva on 25 June.

Participants

All, but four of the 17 member NGOs of the ICBL-CMC Governance Board participated in the GB meetings in Phnom Penh (see list at the end of this document). Apologies were received from Asociación para Políticas Públicas (Argentina), Campaña Colombiana Contra Minas, Protection, and Religions for Peace. All ICBL-CMC staff attended the meeting except those on maternity leave (Laura Cheeseman, Tamar Gabelnick).

Overview

In the first part of the meeting (26 Nov), the Board discussed ICBL preparations for the 11MSP, status of ICBL-CMC funding and fundraising, and an update on the process for the ICBL-CMC strategic review process. The second part of the meeting (3 Dec) involved a debrief on the 11MSP and CCW, discussion of the ICBL and CMC's 2012 action plans, and further discussion on the status of ICBL-CMC fundraising and the ICBL-CMC strategic review process. These notes combine some of the items discussed in both parts of two-part Board meeting in Phnom Penh.

1. 11MSP

Prior to the 11MSP, staff gave brief updates on their area of work for the 11MSP incl. participants, lobbying objectives and coordination, ICBL engagement in the official conference, media work, ICBL side events and exhibitions, as well as logistics. The Board meeting held after the 11MSP congratulated the Cambodia campaign and staff who worked on the 11MSP for a very successful meeting. There was no full debrief as this had just been done in the session with all campaigners debrief. An 11MSP evaluation form will be circulated to the 11MSP list and lessons learned will be incorporated into planning for the intersessionals and further meetings.

2. CCW

With the defeat of the proposed Convention on Conventional Weapons (CCW) protocol at the Fourth Review Conference in November 2011, the CCW process on cluster munitions is now officially "dead." This great victory is due to the untiring efforts of the CMC working in close partnership with an ever-expanding group of governments led by Austria, Mexico, and Norway as well as with UN agencies, most notably UNDP, and ICRC. The CCW protocol campaign involved months of planning, national campaign engagement, and outreach at the UNGA First Committee and in other fora. The Board agreed that the CMC should write a forward-looking

letter to CCW states following the outcome of the Review Conference and encourage them to join/support the Convention on Cluster Munitions.

3. ICBL-CMC Funding and Fundraising

ICBL-CMC Executive Director Sylvie Brigot gave an update on the ICBL-CMC 2012 budget to be presented to donors during the 11MSP. It is slightly lower than the 2011 budget. Landmine and Cluster Munition Monitor Project Manager Jackie Hansen presented the 2012 Monitor budget, which represents a 20 percent decrease compared to the 2011 budget following cuts made in human resources, production elements (e.g. there will be no printed reports), and other areas. Sylvie presented a proposal for the ICBL-CMC to provide greater support to survivors' organizations following a request made by Norway. Canada's continued funding support to ICBL-CMC is looking uncertain. Finland will be approached as a potential new donor following its decision to join the Mine Ban Treaty it. The Board agreed to approve ICBL-CMC budget by 17 December.

4. 2012 Action Plans

Separate action plans for ICBL and for CMC are being developed by ICBL Campaign Manager Firoz Alizada and by CMC Campaign Manager Amy Little respectively. Each plan reflects the separate campaign identities and different stages of the conventions, but both contain a combined calendar detailing specific events for ICBL and CMC.

5. ICBL-CMC Strategic Review Process

At its last meeting in June 2011, the Board agreed to a proposal to prepare a four-year ICBL-CMC strategic plan for the period leading to 2015. At the Board meeting, Sylvie gave an update on the strategic review, which consultant Nancy Ingram of Foot in the Door got underway in August 2011 with a staff retreat. A stakeholder survey has been sent to all partners and a separate survey has been sent to ICBL-CMC members. The Board agreed to hold a retreat in Amsterdam from 31 January to 2 February to review the survey findings and prepare the strategic plan.

Next Meeting

The Board agreed to next meet in Amsterdam on Tuesday, 31 January 2012.

The ICBL-CMC Governance Board is comprised of the following organisations:

Action on Armed Violence - Katherine Harrison
Afghan Landmine Survivors Organisation - Sulaiman Aminy
Asociación para Políticas Públicas (Argentina) - Maria Pia Devoto
Ban Landmines Campaign Nepal - Purna Shova Chitrakar
Cambodia Campaign to Ban Landmines - Denise Coghlan
Campaña Colombiana Contra Minas - Alvaro Jimenez and Camilo Serna
Dan Church Aid - Richard MacCormac
Handicap International - Marion Libertucci (AC) and Bruno Leclercq
Human Rights Watch - Steve Goose (Chair/AC) and Mary Wareham
ICBL Georgia Committee - Maia Buchukuri
IPPNW - Robert Mtonga
Japan Campaign to Ban Landmines – Junko Utsumi and Toshi Shimizu
Mines Action Canada - Paul Hannon (AC)

Norwegian People's Aid - Atle Karlsen (AC)
IKV Pax Christi - Miriam Struyk (AC)
Protection - Ayman Sorour (AC)
Religions for Peace - Ingrid Rosendorf-Joys

For the list of ICBL-CMC staff, please see:

ICBL - <http://www.icbl.org/index.php/icbl/About-Us/GB-AC-Staff>

CMC - <http://www.stopclustermunitions.org/the-coalition/staff/>