



Briefing under item 9. Financial issues related to the Convention and its annexed Protocols

Presented by the CCW Implementation Support Unit

2023 Meeting of High Contracting Parties



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Overview of financial situation

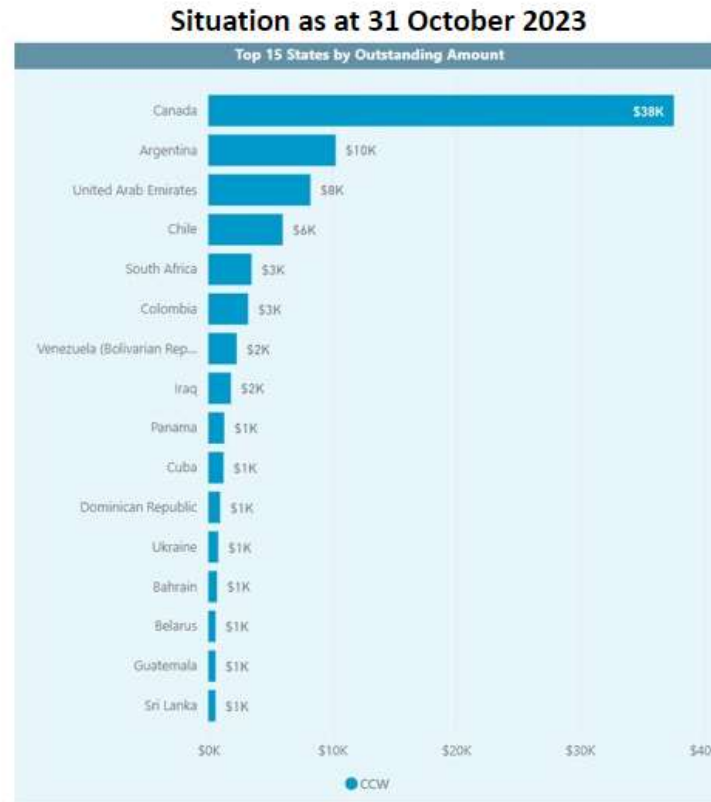
Status as of 31.10.2023	Dates	Funds must be available on (at least 90 days in advance)	Cost estimate	Available cash	Deficit
Implementation Support Unit staff costs committed			531,200	531,200	-
Group of Governmental Experts of the High Contracting Parties on Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems (LAWS)	Geneva, 6 to 10 March & 15 to 19 May 2023	06/12/2022	325,400	325,400	-
Meeting of Experts of the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V	Geneva, 8 November 2023	10/08/2023	16,700	16,700	-
Group of Experts of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II	Geneva, 9 & 10 November 2023	11/08/2023	33,400	33,400	-
Seventeenth Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V on Explosive Remnants of War to the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW)	Geneva, 13 November 2023	15/08/2023	82,300	82,300	-
Twenty-Fifth Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II (APII) on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices, to the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW)	Geneva, 14 November 2023	16/08/2023	88,400	88,400	-
2023 Meeting of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects	Geneva, 15 to 17 November 2023	17/08/2023	195,100	195,100	-
Implementation Support Unit staff costs uncommitted			89,700	5,307	(84,393)
Total deficit			1,362,200	1,277,807	(84,393)

- As of 31 October, there is still a deficit of \$84,393 on the 2023 accounts. The total estimate for the year was \$1,362,200. This means approximately 6% is still outstanding.
- The ISU was fully staffed this year, and all meetings have been able to go ahead as there was a contingency of 5% built in the approved costs estimates allowing for the collection of sufficient funds.

- As you may see from this slide, there is still a challenge in funding the Convention. The full funds for the Meeting of HCP to CCW were fully received only in October, that is, much later than 90 days before the meeting. Next year, if the pattern of late and non-payments is repeated, we can expect to have to reduce the scope of one or more meetings taking place at the end of the year, even with the 5% contingency in place.

High Contracting Parties with the highest amounts due for the current year

- Out of \$84K outstanding amount for 2023, the top 16 States are shown in the graph
- These States Parties are considered late payers for 2023
- States Parties in arrears are encouraged to settle outstanding payments as soon as possible



- This slide shows the High Contracting Parties with the highest amounts due for the current year.
- We call on High Contracting Parties that have not yet paid their assessed contributions for 2023 to do so as soon as possible.

Summary of assessments issued and payments received

Summary status of cash balances of CCW as at 31 Oct 2023	
	CCW
2023 cost estimates	
Assessed contributions billed to States	-\$1,362,200.00
Assessed contributions paid by States	\$1,277,807.40
Subtotal: Outstanding assessments for 2023 projects	-\$84,392.60
Collection rate %	93.8%
Closed projects (2022 and earlier)	
Subtotal: Outstanding contributions for closed projects	-\$173,299.20
Total Outstanding contributions	-\$257,691.80
Prepayments received for 2024 cost estimates	\$60,040.49
Total Prepayments	\$60,040.49
Overpayments from closed projects	\$2,099,743.36
Total Overpayments (Liabilities to States)	\$2,099,743.36
Balance / (Deficit) of cash received	\$1,902,092.05

- As of 31 October 2023 the total outstanding amount for CCW is approx. **\$257K**.
Out of this amount:
 - \$84K is unpaid for 2023
 - \$173K is unpaid for prior years
- Overpayments (unused credits) for the prior years amount to \$2.1M

- This slide shows the summary of assessments issued and payments received.
- As of 31 October 2023, the total outstanding amount for CCW for all years is approximately \$257K.
- As mentioned earlier, there is a shortfall of approximately \$84K for 2023.
- Unpaid amounts for earlier years amount to \$173K.
- We have also received some very small early payments for 2023.

- Now that the 2018 to 2022 accounts have been closed following the introduction of the new financial measures at the end of last year, we are recognizing a large amount in overpayments (\$2.1M). These credits have been made available to High Contracting Parties on invoices for 2023 and recently on invoices for 2024 assessed contributions; High Contracting Parties are encouraged to apply these credits to settle their assessments, or alternatively they may wish to contribute some of the amount to the working capital fund. The CCW working capital fund remains largely underfunded, with only 40% of the target achieved.

CCW Working Capital Fund

<i>CCW Working Capital Fund as at 31 October 2023</i>	
Total amount of the WCF as of 01.10.2023	\$227,221
Contributions to the WCF:	\$0
Use of the WCF to meet operating costs	\$0
Replenishment following the use of the WCF	\$0
Total amount of the WCF as of 31.10.2023	\$227,221
Target level of the WCF	\$562,800
Progress towards the target level	40%

- This slide shows the CCW Working Capital Fund as at 31 October 2023.
- The current total amount in the fund is \$227,221K. As mentioned, this represents about 40% of progress toward the target level of \$562,800K.
- Since October 2022, there was only one contribution received to the WCF, which was \$32K, from Spain.
- We thank Spain for their contribution and encourage all other High Contracting Parties in a position to do so to contribute to the Working Capital Fund.
