

**INTER – AGENCY STANDING COMMITTEE – WORKING GROUP
49th MEETING**

19-20 June 2002

at

International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies: Auditorium

ANNOTATED AGENDA (Revised)

Wednesday, 19 June 2002

Afternoon Session

14:00-14:15

Opening Comments

Welcoming remarks by Mr. Didier Cherpitel, Secretary General of IFRC. Administrative remarks by Mr. John Horekens, Head of the Relationship Management Department, IFRC.

14:15-14:30

Chairman's Overview of Global Humanitarian Activities

Mr. Ross Mountain, Chairperson, IASC Working Group/OCHA

14:30-16:00

In-Depth Country Review: Occupied Palestinian Territory

Presentations by Mr. Michael Keating (UNSCO) and Mr. Rene Aquarone (UNRWA).

Objectives:

- To review the humanitarian situation and coordination mechanisms,
- To identify gaps and strategies to strengthen agency response, and
- To discuss resource mobilisation strategies to meet the current and prospective needs based on a Common Humanitarian Action Plan (CHAP).

Key Issues:

- Restrictions on humanitarian access
- Proposed Humanitarian Information Center (HIC)
- Protection of civilian population/refugees
- Donor coordination plans

Proposed Outcomes: Agreement on follow up strategies including steps to strengthen coordination and advocacy.

16:00-16:30

Coffee Break

16 :30-17:30

In-Depth Country Review : Sri Lanka

Presentation by Mr. David Bassiouni (UNICEF), and Mr. Niels Harild (UNHCR)

Objectives:

- To review humanitarian coordination in light of post-conflict reintegration processes in Sri Lanka,
- To identify gaps and strategies to strengthen agency response, and
- To propose strategies to strengthen the linkages between the humanitarian efforts and peace-building processes.

Key Issues :

- Return, reintegration and protection of IDPs
- Linkage between the humanitarian efforts and peace building processes
- Inter-agency resource mobilisation strategies, including donor alerts

Proposed Outcomes : IASC members agree to put Sri Lanka high on their agenda. Agreement on follow up actions to integrate humanitarian assistance with post-conflict reintegration processes and steps to strengthen country-level support.

17 :30-18 :30

The Southern Africa Humanitarian Crisis

Presentation by Mr. Francesco Strippoli (WFP)

Objective:

- To review the follow up actions in response to the humanitarian crisis in the Southern Africa to reach agreement.

Key Issues:

- Food access and vulnerability
- Outstanding non-food needs
- Humanitarian, economic and political dimensions of the root-causes
- Private sector involvement
- Launch of the regional strategy at the ECOSOC humanitarian segment
- Inter-agency information management

Expected Outcomes:

- Endorsement of conclusions stemming from Regional Meeting in Johannesburg 6-7 June, 2002.

18 :30-19 :00

IDP Unit: Zimbabwe Mission

Introduced by Mr. Kofi Asomani, Chief of IDP Unit, (OCHA), and presented by Mr. John Rogge, IDP Unit, (OCHA)

Objective:

To review the recommendations stemming from IDP Unit's mission to Zimbabwe.

Key Issues:

- Growing crisis of displacement in Zimbabwe
- Prevention of further displacement

Proposed Outcome: Feedback from IASC Agencies on the recommendations outlined in the mission report.

19 :30-

IASC WG Dinner, Café du Soleil

Thursday, 20 June
Morning Session

09:00 – 10:00

Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse in Humanitarian Crises

On behalf of the IASC Task Force on Protection From Sexual Exploitation and Abuse in Humanitarian Crisis, Mr. Mark Bowden (OCHA) and Mr. Iain Levine (UNICEF) will present the Task Force's report and Plan of Action. On behalf of UNHCR, Mr. Anne Willem Bijleveld will present on the issue of action against non-compliance with the UNHCR code of conduct and UN Rules and Regulations.

Objectives:

- To discuss the Task Force's Report and Plan of Action.
- To discuss future role of Task Force in overseeing implementation of plan of action.
- To discuss the issue of incorporating the core principles into codes of conduct and UN Rules and Regulations.

Key Issues:

- Prevention of and response to sexual exploitation and abuse in humanitarian situations
- Frameworks for responsibility and accountability
- Monitoring and evaluation of agreed actions
- Disciplinary actions for when agreed core principles are violated

Expected Outcomes:

- Endorsement of Report and Plan of Action
- Agreement on future role of Task Force, with possible extension of its mandate to the next IASC Plenary
- Commitments by Agencies to implement the Task Force's recommendations and Plan of Action

10:00 – 10:45

Mine Action and Humanitarian Situations

Presented by: Mr. Martin Barber of United Nations Mine Action Services (UNMAS)

Objective: To increase the level of collaboration between mine action agencies and their partners in the humanitarian agencies.

Key Issues:

- Integration of mine action into the 2003 CAPs
- Clarification of the Terms of Reference for Humanitarian Coordinators
- Participation of UNMAS in inter-agency assessments of mine affected countries

Proposed Outcomes:

Decision by IASC-WG on the following proposals by UNMAS:

- UNMAS to attend meetings of the IASC Working Group on subjects of interest to UNMAS and its UN partners.
- Have mine action integrated within the 2003 CAPs at national and international level for planning and resource mobilisation purposes.
- Clarify the specific responsibility for mine action within the terms of reference for Humanitarian Coordinators.
- UNMAS and/or its UN partners to be involved in inter agency assessments of mine affected countries.

10:45-11:15

CAP: Report of the Mid-Year Review

Presented by: Ms. Magda Ninaber van Eyben (OCHA)

Objectives:

- To report on outcomes from the CAP Mid-Year Review and to agree upon next steps in response to identified priorities.
- To agree upon CAP countries for 2003.

Key Issues:

- Improving donor collaboration and partnership in the CAP
- Follow-up to IASC endorsed recommendations for strengthening the CAP and External Review of CAP
- Developing criteria for initiating a CAP, ensuring humanitarian needs are met with common strategy and appeal in non-CAP contexts
- IASC engagement with Humanitarian Financing Studies, including reporting on total humanitarian contributions

Proposed Outcomes:

- Agreement on next steps identified in Mid-Year Review
- Agreement to report on total humanitarian contributions to OCHA Financial Tracking System and to review modalities of reporting

- Agreement on proposed CAP countries for 2003

11:15-11:30

Coffee Break

11:30-12:00

Terms of Reference (ToR) of Humanitarian Coordinators

Presented by: Mr. Piero Calvi-Pariseti, OCHA

Objectives: To review the issues outlined in the draft issue paper with an aim to provide cohesive inputs to redefine the ToR of HCs. To agree on creating a small sub-working group in charge of actually drafting the revised TOR during the summer months.

Key Issues:

- How and whether the revised ToR should reflect existing field coordination mechanisms that are broader than UNDMT involving all IASC actors?
- How should the revised ToR address the current issues pertinent to humanitarian assistance including protection, gender and human rights ?
- How does the relationship with SRSG and the aspect of humanitarian and political interface be addressed in the revised ToR ?

Expected Outcomes:

- Agreement on the issues to be reflected in the revised ToR, which will be presented at September IASC-WG meeting.
- Agreement on the methodologies for the way forward, including creation of a sub working-group that should draft the revised TOR and submit them at the September IASC WG meeting.

12:00-12:45

Guidelines on the Use of Military and Civil Defence Assets (MCDA) in Complex Emergencies

Ms. Ingrid Nordstrom-Ho (OCHA) will provide an update on the Guidelines on the use of Military and Civil Defence Assets (MCDA) in Complex Emergencies.

Objective:

- To endorse the draft Guidelines on the uses of MCDA in Complex Emergencies.

Expected Outcomes:

- Endorsement of the draft Guidelines and commitment to support the process.
- Endorsement to support the process.
- Agreement to refer the document to the Review Committee.

12:45-13:15

ECOSOC 2002

Presented by Mr. Mark Bowden, (OCHA)

Objective: To brief the IASC-WG on the status of the preparation for the ECOSOC 2002's humanitarian affairs segment.

Key Issues:

- Preparation of the panel discussion and prospects for having Agreed Conclusions/Resolution as an outcome

Expected Outcomes:

- Endorsement of the preparation for the humanitarian segment.
- Support and commitments by IASC partners to provide Members States with additional information on pertinent humanitarian issues to assist them in negotiating Agreed Conclusions/Resolution.

13:15-14:30

Lunch

Afternoon Session

14:30-15:45

Reports from IASC Subsidiary Bodies (15-20 minutes per session)

- **Preparedness and Contingency Planning**

(Mr. Carlo Scaramella, WFP and Mr. Everett Ressler, UNICEF)

Key Issues:

- Endorsement of ToR
- Issues arising from Inter-agency contingency planning

- **Humanitarian Action and Human Rights**

(Mr. Ed Schenkenberg, ICVA)

Key Issues:

- Further dissemination of the "Growing the Sheltering Tree" and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)s
- Referral services for field issues

- **CAP**

(Ms. Magda Ninaber van Eyben, (OCHA)

Key Issues:

- IASC Agencies' secondment to OCHA CAP and Donor Relations Section
- Incorporation of CAP preparations deadlines into the planning cycle of Agencies
- Systematic reporting of contributions to OCHA Financial Tracking System.

- **Gender**

(Ms. Kirsi Madi, UNICEF)

Key Issues:

- Integration with CAP through Capacity and Vulnerability Analysis (CVA) tools and other mechanisms
- Additional linkages with other IASC subsidiary bodies
- Continued dissemination of the electronic resource package on gender and humanitarian assistance

15:45 - 16:15

Coffee Break

16:15 – 17:30

Reports from IASC Subsidiary Bodies (continued)

• **Training**

(Mr. Mike Alford, UNHCR)

Key Issues:

- Extension of the mandate of the Task Force
- Funding to support emergency training coordination

• **Sanctions**

(Mr. Mark Bowden, OCHA)

Key Issues:

- Extension of RG
- Approval and backing of a project proposal to develop a standardized methodology for assessing the humanitarian impact of sanctions.

• **Telecommunications**

(Mr. Jim Arnold, UNICEF and Mr. Stephen Geis, ITU)

Key Issues:

- Availability of support and resources to facilitate implementation of the IASC/RTG workplan.

• **Small Arms**

(Mr. Joel McClellan, SCHR)

Key Issues:

- Extension of RG

18:00

Any Other Business