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**Fourth Review Conference of the States Parties to  
the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use,  
Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of  
Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction**

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**Second Preparatory Meeting  
Geneva, 18 September 2019****Procedural report****I. Introduction**

1. The Convention on the Prohibition of the use, stockpiling, production and transfer of anti-personnel mines and on their destruction provides in Article 12, paragraph 1 that “a Review Conference shall be convened by the Secretary-General of the United Nations five years after the entry into force of the Convention” and that “further Review Conferences shall be convened by the Secretary-General of the United Nations if so requested by one or more States Parties, provided that the interval between Review Conferences shall in no case be less than five years.”
2. The 2014 Third Review Conference agreed that the Fourth Review Conference will be held at the end of 2019, as stipulated in the Final document of the Conference (APLC/CONF/2014/4, paragraph 31).
3. The Seventeenth Meeting of the States Parties agreed to hold the Fourth Review Conference in Oslo, Norway, the week of 25 to 29 November 2019 and to hold preparatory meetings in advance of the Fourth Review Conference in Geneva on 24 May 2019 and on 18 September 2019. Furthermore, the Seventeenth Meeting agreed to elect Ambassador Hans Brattskar, Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations Office in Geneva, President of the Fourth Review Conference.

**II. Organization of the Second Preparatory Meeting**

4. The Second Preparatory Meeting was opened on 18 September 2019 and presided over by Ambassador Hans Brattskar, Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations Office in Geneva, President of the Fourth Review Conference.
5. The Second Preparatory Meeting adopted its agenda as contained in document APLC/CONF/2019/PM.2/1.

**III. Participation in the Second Preparatory Meeting**

6. The following States Parties participated in the Meeting: Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Bolivia (Plurinational State of),

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Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Holy See, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Latvia, Lithuania, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Montenegro, Mozambique, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, North Macedonia, Norway, Oman, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, State of Palestine, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Yemen, and Zambia.

7. The following States participated in the Meeting as observers, in accordance with article 11, paragraph 4, of the Convention and rule 1, paragraph 1, of the rules of procedure of the Meeting: India, Kazakhstan, Lebanon, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, and the Syrian Arab Republic.

8. In accordance with article 11, paragraph 4, of the Convention and rule 1, paragraphs 2 and 3, of the rules of procedure, the following international organizations and institutions, regional organizations, entities and non-governmental organizations attended the Meeting as observers: European Union, Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD), International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL), International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS) and United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA).

9. In accordance with article 11, paragraph 4, of the Convention and rule 1, paragraph 4, of the rules of procedure, the following other organizations attended the Meeting as observers: The HALO Trust and Mines Advisory Group (MAG).

#### **IV. Work of the Second Preparatory Meeting**

10. The Second Preparatory Meeting held two plenary meetings on 18 September 2019.

11. The Meeting considered the Programme of work for the Fourth Review Conference, as contained in APLC/CONF/2019/PM.2/WP.2. The Meeting also considered an updated version of the draft agenda for the Fourth Review Conference, as contained in APLC/CONF/2019/PM.2/CRP.1, which reflects the outcomes of consultations held by the President on the organization of work of the Fourth Review Conference.

12. The Meeting considered an updated version of the draft Review of the Operation and Status of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction 2014-2019, submitted by the President, as contained in APLC/CONF/2019/PM.2/WP.3. The Meeting also considered the draft Oslo Action Plan, as contained in APLC/CONF/2019/PM.2/WP.1, draft Elements for the Oslo Declaration on a Mine-Free World 2019, as contained in APLC/CONF/2019/PM.2/WP.4, as well as Reflections on the meeting programme and machinery and draft recommendations, submitted by the President, as contained in APLC/CONF/2019/PM.2/WP.6. States Parties and observers exchanged views and provided input for the development of these documents. The President expressed his appreciation for the constructive suggestions that would assist in further developing and strengthening the draft documents for consideration by the Fourth Review Conference.

13. The Meeting received an update from the Director of the Implementation Support Unit on the preparation of the Implementation Support Unit Work Plan and Budget 2020-2024.

14. The Meeting received updates from the host country, Norway, on logistical and administrative matters and expressed its satisfaction with the state of preparations. The

Meeting took note of the appeal for renewing the political commitment to the Convention at a high level at the Fourth Review Conference.

15. The Meeting considered the status of assessed contributions to the Fourth Review Conference. The Meeting noted with concern the financial situation due to late payments and arrears of assessed contributions and underlined the importance of ensuring full compliance with Article 14 of the Convention. The Meeting considered a report and recommendations on the Financial predictability and sustainability of United Nations assessed contributions, presented by the President, as contained in APLC/CONF/2019/PM.2/WP.5. States Parties and observers exchanged views and provided input on this document. The President expressed his appreciation for the constructive suggestions that would assist in further developing this document.

16. The Meeting received an update from the Coordinator of the Sponsorship Programme. The Meeting noted that ensuring broad and diverse participation in the Fourth Review Conference was in the interest of all and that hearing from all States Parties on the implementation of the Convention is critical.

## **V. Decisions and recommendations**

17. The Meeting considered and approved the updated draft Agenda for the Fourth Review Conference, as contained in APLC/CONF/2019/PM.2/CRP.1 and the provisional programme of work of the Conference, as contained in APLC/CONF/2019/PM.2/WP.2 and recommended them for adoption by the Fourth Review Conference.

18. The Meeting took note of the documents submitted in preparation for the Fourth Review Conference and expressed general satisfaction that their contents would provide useful direction to the ongoing efforts to develop an action plan covering the period following the Fourth Review Conference, a political declaration, as well as recommendations for the meeting programme and machinery until the Fifth Review Conference.

19. The Meeting took note of the status of preparation of the Implementation Support Unit Work Plan and Budget 2020-2024.

20. In the context of considering the financial status of assessed contributions to the Fourth Review Conference, the Meeting called upon the States Parties and States not party participating in the meetings of the States Parties to the Convention to ensure prompt and full payment of their respective assessed contributions and strict compliance with their obligations pursuant to Article 14 of the Convention.

21. Also in the context of considering the financial status of assessed contributions to the Fourth Review Conference, the Meeting took note of the report and recommendations on financial predictability and sustainability of UN assessed contributions presented by the President and expressed general satisfaction that its content would provide useful direction to address this issue at the Fourth Review Conference. The Meeting requested the United Nations to continue its efforts in raising awareness and ensuring transparency on the status of contributions on a monthly basis by making information available on the website and sending periodic reminders.

22. The Meeting noted the need for States Parties in a position to do so to consider contributing to the Sponsorship Programme in 2019 in order to ensure the broadest possible participation in the Fourth Review Conference.

23. The Meeting took note of the proposal to hold next year's intersessional meetings on 18-20 May 2020 and the Eighteenth Meeting of the States Parties in the week of 23 November 2020.

24. The Meeting took note of the proposal by the President for the Committee membership and recommended it for adoption by the Fourth Review Conference, as follows:

(a) Article 5 Implementation: Austria and Canada (until the end of the Eighteenth Meeting of the States Parties), and Norway and Zambia (until the end of the Nineteenth Meeting of the States Parties);

(b) Victim Assistance: Chile and Italy (until the end of the Eighteenth Meeting of the States Parties), and Sweden and Thailand (until the end of the Nineteenth Meeting of the States Parties);

(c) Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance: the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Turkey (until the end of the Eighteenth Meeting of the States Parties) and Colombia and Germany (until the end of the Nineteenth Meeting of the States Parties);

(d) Cooperative Compliance: Iraq and Switzerland (until the end of the Eighteenth Meeting of the States Parties) and Panama and Poland (until the end of the Nineteenth Meeting of the States Parties).

## **VI. Documentation**

25. A list of documents of the Second Preparatory Meeting is contained in the annex to this report. These documents are available through the United Nations Official Documents System (<http://documents.un.org>).

## **VII. Adoption of the Procedural Report of the Second Preparatory Meeting**

26. The Meeting adopted its draft procedural report, as contained in document APLC/CONF/2019/PM.2/CRP.2, as orally amended.

## Annex

### List of documents

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
APLC/CONF/2019/PM.2/1	Provisional Agenda for the Second Preparatory Meeting. Submitted by the President
APLC/CONF/2019/PM.2/2	Procedural Report
APLC/CONF/2019/PM.2/WP.1 [English only]	Draft Oslo Action Plan. Submitted by the President
APLC/CONF/2019/PM.2/WP.2 [English only]	Draft provisional programme of work. Submitted by the President
APLC/CONF/2019/PM.2/WP.3 [English only]	Draft Review of the Operation and the Status of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Antipersonnel mines and on Their Destruction 2014-2019. Submitted by the President
APLC/CONF/2019/PM.2/WP.4 [English only]	Draft Elements for the Oslo Declaration on a Mine-Free World 2019. Submitted by the President
APLC/CONF/2019/PM.2/WP.5 [English only]	Financial predictability and sustainability of United Nations assessed contributions. Report and draft recommendations. Submitted by the President
APLC/CONF/2019/PM.2/WP.6 [English only]	Reflections on the meeting programme and machinery and draft recommendations. Submitted by the President
APLC/CONF/2019/PM.2/WP.7 [English, French and Spanish only]	Council Conclusions on a European Union (EU) position on strengthening the ban against anti-personnel mines in light of the Fourth Review Conference of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention from 25 to 29 November 2019 in Oslo
APLC/CONF/2019/PM.2/CRP.1 [English only]	Updated draft Agenda for the Fourth Review Conference
APLC/CONF/2019/PM.2/MISC.1 [English/French/Spanish only]	Provisional list of participants
APLC/CONF/2019/PM.2/INF.1 [English/French/Spanish only]	List of participants