SECOND 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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PROCEDURAL REPORT OF THE SECOND PREPARATORY MEETING

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. At the 2004 First Review Conference, it was agreed that the Second Review Conference will take place in the second half of the year 2009.¹
- 3. The Second Preparatory Meeting was held pursuant to the decisions of the Ninth Meeting of the States Parties. At the Ninth Meeting of the States Parties, the States Parties agreed to hold the Second Review Conference in Cartagena, Colombia the week of 30 November to 4 December 2009 and to hold preparatory meetings in advance of the Second Review Conference in Geneva on 29 May 2009 and on 3-4 September 2009. In addition, the meeting agreed to designate Her Excellency, Ambassador Susan Eckey of Norway, President of the Second Review Conference.²

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¹ Final Report of the First Review Conference, document APLC/CONF/2004/5, paragraph 32 (d).

² Final Report of the Ninth MSP, document APLC/MSP.9/2008/4, paragraph 33.

Organization of the Second Preparatory Meeting

- 4. The Second Preparatory Meeting was opened on 3 September 2009 by Ambassador Susan Eckey of Norway, President-designate of the Second Review Conference. In opening the Meeting, the President-designate urged the States Parties to keep the realities, rights and needs of landmine survivors front and centre as they proceeded with their work.
- 5. The opening of the meeting featured an address by the Vice President of the Republic of Colombia, Francisco Santos Calderón.
- 6. At its first plenary meeting on 3 September 2009, the Second Preparatory Meeting adopted its agenda as contained in document APLC/CONF/2009/PM.2/1 which is annexed to this report as Annex I.

Participation in the Second Preparatory Meeting

- 7. 79 States Parties participated in the Meeting: Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Chad, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Estonia, France, Germany, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Holy See, Hungary, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lesotho, Lithuania, Malaysia, Mexico, Monaco, Mozambique, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Senegal, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Yemen, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.
- 8. One Signatory that has not ratified the Convention participated in the Meeting as an observer: Poland.
- 9. A further eight States not parties to the Convention participated in the Meeting as observers: Armenia, Azerbaijan, China, Egypt, Finland, Lebanon, Morocco, and Sri Lanka.
- 10. The following international organizations and institutions, regional organizations, entities and non-governmental organizations attended the Meeting as observers: United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Institute For Disarmament research (UNIDIR), United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS), United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA), European Commission, Geneva international Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD), International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), and International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL).
- 11. A provisional and a final list of all delegations to the Second Preparatory Meeting are contained in documents APLC/CONF/2009/PM.2/MISC.1 and APLC/CONF/2009/PM.2/INF.1 respectively.

Work of the Second Preparatory Meeting

- 12. The Second Preparatory Meeting held two plenary meetings on 3 September 2009 and one plenary meeting on 4 September 2009.
- 13. The Meeting made recommendations with respect to the draft cost estimates of the Second Review Conference.
- 14. The Meeting considered three draft documents prepared by the President-designate: **Draft review of the operation and status of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Antipersonnel Mines and on Their Destruction: 2005-2009** as contained in document APLC/CONF/2009/PM.2/WP.1, **A Shared Commitment: Ending the Suffering Caused by Anti-Personnel Mines Draft Cartagena Action Plan 2009-2014** as contained in document APLC/CONF/2009/PM.2/3 and **A Shared Commitment for a Mine-Free World:** The **2009 Cartagena Declaration** as contained in document APLC/CONF/2009/PM.2/4. States parties and others provided detailed input on these documents. The President-designate expressed her appreciation for this constructive input and indicated that it would assist her in revising and strengthening the documents for consideration by the Second Review Conference. In addition, the Meeting took note of the President-designate's request that interested delegations provide to her with comments on these draft documents, in writing, by 14 September 2009.
- 15. The Meeting considered a draft document entitled **Draft Decisions on Future Meetings**, as contained in document APLC/CONF/2009/PM.2/2. States Parties and others provided views and input on the set of proposed decisions contained in this paper. The Meeting took note of the President-designate's request that interested delegations provide to her any additional comments in writing by 14 September 2009.
- 16. The Meeting welcomed the offer made by Cambodia to host the Eleventh Meeting of the States Parties.
- 17. The Meeting also received updates from the host country of the Second Review Conference, Colombia, on logistical and administrative matters.
- 18. In response to appeal reiterated by the President-designate and the host country for participation at the highest possible level during a high level segment that will take place on 3-4 December at the Second Review Conference, a number of delegations indicated that they expect to participate at the Ministerial level or higher. To assist in planning for the high level segment, the President-designate requested that they notify her and the host country as soon as possible regarding how they will be represented during this part of the Second Review Conference.

Decisions and recommendations

19. The Meeting recommended for adoption at the Second Review Conference the estimated costs for convening the Second Review Conference as contained in document APLC/CONF/2009/PM.2/5.

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Documentation

20. A list of documents of the Second Preparatory Meeting is contained in Annex II to this report. These documents are available through the United Nations Official Documents System (http://www.ods.unog.ch).

Adoption of the Procedural Report of the Second Preparatory Meeting

21. The Meeting adopted its Draft Procedural Report, which is being issued as document APLC/CONF/2009/PM.2/6.

Annex I

AGENDA OF THE SECOND PREPARATORY MEETING

(as adopted at the first plenary meeting on 3 September 2009)

- 1. Opening of the Second Preparatory Meeting.
- 2. Adoption of an agenda for the Second Preparatory Meeting.
- 3. Recommendation of draft Cost Estimates for the Second Review Conference.
- 4. Exchange of views on the draft Review of the Operation and Status of the Convention and the Draft Cartagena Action Plan.
- 5. Exchange of views on the Draft Cartagena Declaration.
- 6. Exchange of views on the proposed decisions on future meetings.
- 7. Updates on logistical and administrative matters.
- 8. Other matters.
- 9. Consideration and adoption of a procedural report of the Second Preparatory Meeting.

Annex II

LIST OF DOCUMENTS OF THE SECOND PREPARATORY MEETING

APLC/CONF/2009/PM.2/1	Provisional Agenda of the Second Preparatory Meeting. Submitted by the President-Designate of the Second Review Conference.
APLC/CONF/2009/PM.2/2	Draft Decisions on Future Meetings. Submitted by the President-Designate of the Second Review Conference.
APLC/CONF/2009/PM.2/3	A Shared Commitment: Draft Cartagena Action Plan 2010 – 2014. Ending the Suffering Caused By Anti-Personnel Mines. Submitted by the President-Designate of the Second Review Conference.
APLC/CONF/2009/PM.2/4	A Shared Commitment for a Mine-Free World: Draft 2009 Cartagena Declaration. Submitted by the President-Designate of the Second Review Conference.
APLC/CONF/2009/PM.2/5	Estimated Costs for Convening the Second 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. Note by the Secretariat.
APLC/CONF/2009/PM.2/6	Procedural Report of the Second Preparatory Meeting.
APLC/CONF/2009/PM.2/WP.1	Draft Review of the Operation and Status of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Antipersonnel Mines and on Their Destruction: 2005-2009. Submitted by the President-Designate of the Second Review Conference.
APLC/CONF/2009/PM.1/CRP.1	Draft Procedural Report of the Second Preparatory Meeting.
APLC/CONF/2009/PM.2/INF.1	List of Participants. Submitted by the United Nations Secretariat.
APLC/CONF/2009/PM.2/MISC.1	Provisional List of Participants. Submitted by the United Nations Secretariat.

The documents above are available in all official languages through the Official Document System of the United Nations at http://documents.un.org, and the official APLC website as pat of the Website of the United Nations Office at Geneva at http://www.unog.ch/aplc.
