



The Siem Reap - Angkor Summit On A Mine-Free World  
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Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva of the States Parties and not party to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production, and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction

Interested international and non-governmental organisations

**Re: Ninth Annual Pledging Conference - Support to the Implementation of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention**

Your Excellencies, dear colleagues,

It is an honour to have been designated President of the Convention's Fifth Review Conference. As you may know, the Convention's President is mandated, in part, to "lead efforts to mobilise sufficient resources to fund the operations of the Implementation Support Unit (ISU)."

As you may recall, the Fourteenth Meeting of the States Parties decided that "early in each year, as a rule, a conference of States Parties shall be held to collect pledges and contributions in order to obtain an overview of the funds that can be expected for the current year as well as for the foreseeable period." Furthermore, Action #10 of the Oslo Action Plan commits States Parties to consider providing voluntary resources for the effective functioning of the ISU, including by making multi-year commitments where feasible in accordance with the ISU's 5-year work plan.

The Annual Pledging Conference has also been a platform for States Parties to announce their pledges of support to the Convention's Sponsorship Programme and to share information on their global cooperation and assistance efforts. This is more important than ever as we head towards the Fifth Review Conference and, together, plot the way forward for the next 5 years of implementation.

Building upon the success of last year's pledging conference, I am pleased to invite you to join me at the:

**Ninth Annual Pledging Conference**  
**Support to the Implementation of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention**  
**Friday, 1 March 2024, 10:00-12:00, Room V**  
**Palais des Nations, Geneva**

We would be grateful if you could confirm your presence as soon as possible but no later than Friday, 23 February 2024 by emailing the ISU at [isu@apminebanconvention.org](mailto:isu@apminebanconvention.org) .

We look forward to your participation and strongly encourage pledges of new, renewed or increased support for the ISU and Sponsorship Programme of the Convention.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'L' followed by a long diagonal stroke.

Dr. Ly Thuch  
Senior Minister and First Vice President of the  
Cambodian Mine Action and Victim Assistance Authority (CMAA)  
President of the Fifth Review Conference