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To: The Permanent Missions to the United Nations 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

The Permanent Missions to the United Nations of the States not party to the Convention

Interested international and non-governmental organisations

Re: Intersessional Meetings of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention, 19 and 20 May 2016

Excellencies, dear friends,

In the capacity of Chile as President of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction, it is a pleasure to invite all States Parties, States not party to the Convention and interested organisations to the 2016 Intersessional Meetings that will take place at the World Meteorological Organisation Building in Geneva on Thursday 19 and Friday 20 May 2016.

I would like to take this opportunity to highlight a few points concerning our programme this year:

- Like last year, there is a single, consolidated, rolling programme which allows each of the four Convention's Committees as well as the Presidency to provide information on activities undertaken in accordance with their respective mandates.
- You will note that the programme contains a thematic segment on 20 May. This thematic segment will provide an opportunity to discuss how we can best meet our common objectives to the fullest extent possible by 2025.
- Given the short amount of meeting time that has been scheduled, the Presidency is kindly asking participating delegations to keep their interventions short and relevant.

The 2016 intersessional work programme is our chance, in keeping with the Convention's spirit of cooperation, to focus our attention on all the key matters relevant in the pursuit of the Convention's aims. I encourage all delegations to actively take part in these meetings and contribute to a fruitful exchange of information on the Convention's current issues and challenges.

President of the Fifteenth Meeting of the States Parties
c/o Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention Implementation Support Unit

For further information on and to register for the intersessional meetings, please visit:

<http://www.apminebanconvention.org/intersessional-work-programme/may-2016/>

I look forward to seeing you on 19 and 20 May.

Yours sincerely,



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