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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-Personal Mines and on their Destruction

Subject: Nominations of States Parties to serve as Co-Rapporteurs of the Standing Committees

Excellencies, dear friends and colleagues,

It is our pleasure to write to you in our capacity as Co-Chairs of the Standing Committee on the General Status and Operation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personal Mines and on their Destruction. Our purpose in writing concerns the established practice that sees the States Parties take decisions regarding Standing Committee Co-Chairs and Co-Rapporteurs. This year these decisions will be taken at the Tenth Meeting of the States Parties (10MSP) that will take place from 29 November to 3 December 2010 here in Geneva.

It has been established tradition in the Convention that the Co-Chairs of the Standing Committee on the General Status and Operation of the Convention undertake the task of consulting with States Parties to identify a list of nominees to serve as Co-Rapporteurs. In undertaking these consultations, past Co-Chairs have kept in mind principles that have become customary to us – such as the principles of ensuring a regional and gender balance, a balance between States Parties in the process of implementing key provisions of the Convention and other States Parties, and a balance between the need for rotation and the need for continuity.

We would like to remind States Parties that are interested in serving as Co-Rapporteurs between the Tenth and the Eleventh Meetings of the States Parties that if tradition prevails they would be making a two-year commitment to responsibilities. It has been established practice that, after serving one year as Co-Rapporteurs, the States Parties are subsequently elected to serve as the Co-Chairs of their respective Standing Committees.

Tasks involved in serving as a Co-Rapporteur and subsequently as a Co-Chair include providing leadership in promoting progress in implementation of various aspects of the Convention, preparing the annual Intersessional Work Programme and serving as a member of the Coordinating Committee, a body that meets six to eight times a year in Geneva. In addition, further to the decisions of the 2006 Seventh Meeting of the States Parties (7MSP), Co-Chairs, Co-Rapporteurs and the Presidency are responsible to jointly prepare an analysis of requests for extensions submitted under Article 5 of the Convention.

In order to assist us in developing a balanced proposal for new Co-Rapporteurs, we would kindly request interested States Parties to express their interest to us, in writing, no later than 5 July 2010.

While interested States Parties may wish to indicate a preference regarding which Standing Committee that would like to be assigned to, please note that the structure of the Intersessional Work Programme currently is under review. Final decisions on affirming or adjusting the current structure of the committee system will be taken at the 10MSP.

We would like to thank you in advance for your consideration of these matters. Please feel free to contact any of us for any further clarification.

Please accept the assurances of our highest consideration.



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