

Ottawa Convention
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2004 Review Conference

First of all, allow me to thank Ambassador Lint for his open-ended consultations last Friday, at the Palais.

Let me also thank him for the paper he prepared following these consultations.

Brazil totally agrees that a formal process is needed to prepare the Review Conference, to discuss not only administrative matters, but also to decide on the nature and form of the review of the operation and status of the Convention and to prepare the discussion on every matter on which the Conference will have to deliberate, such as the need for and the intervals between the Meetings of States Parties that would take place after the Review Conference, the kind of implementation mechanisms to be established after 2004, as well as any conclusion related to the implementation of the Convention.

The implementation mechanisms are informal settings, not mandated to prepare the Review Conference.

They primarily concern mine-affected and donor States and their meetings are not addressed or are not expected to bring necessarily together the whole community of States-Parties.

The documents resulting from the meetings of the implementation mechanisms are not negotiated texts. The reports of the Standing Committees merely contain the personal views of the Co-Chairs.

As an input for the Conference, particularly for the discussion on the kind of informal settings to be established for the period 2004-2009, the implementation mechanisms could make an objective assessment of the achievements of their works, covering the entire period since their creation.

As the Review Conference approaches, Ambassador Lint, Brazil is certain that the States Parties will continue to conduct the Ottawa Process through transparent and inclusive decision processes, consistent with the nature of the mandates established by the Convention.

Thank you.