
First Preparatory Meeting
Geneva, 13 February 2004
Item 11 of the agenda

PROCEDURAL REPORT OF THE FIRST 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.”
2. The First Preparatory Meeting was held pursuant to the decisions of the Fifth Meeting of the States Parties. At the Fifth Meeting of the States Parties, the States Parties agreed to hold the Convention’s First Review Conference at the United Nations facilities in Nairobi from 29 November to 3 December 2004 and to hold preparatory meetings in United Nations facilities in Geneva on 13 February and 28-29 June 2004. In addition, the meeting agreed to designate Ambassador Wolfgang Petritsch of Austria as the President of the First Review Conference, to request that Kenya designate a Secretary-General of the Review Conference, to accept the estimated costs prepared by the United Nations for convening the preparatory meetings and to proceed with a preparatory process in a manner consistent with the elements contained in the report of the President of the Fourth Meeting (APLC/MSP.5/2003/5, Annex II). Finally, the meeting urged participation at the highest possible level in a high-level segment to be held at the end of the First Review Conference.

Organization of the First Preparatory Meeting

3. The First Preparatory Meeting was opened on 13 February 2004 by Ambassador Wolfgang Petritsch of Austria, President-designate of the First Review Conference. In opening the meeting, the President-designate informed the States Parties that he had asked Canada, Germany, Malaysia, Mozambique, Nicaragua and Norway to serve as “Friends of the President”, and to assist him with the preparations of the substantive documents for the First Review Conference. In addition, the President-designate also stressed his conviction for a transparent and inclusive preparatory process and invited all interested parties to contribute to the substantive preparations for the Review Conference.

* / Re-issued for technical reasons

4. At its first plenary meeting on 13 February 2004, the First Preparatory Meeting adopted its agenda as contained in document APLC/CONF/2004/PM.1/1 which is annexed to this report as Annex I. On the same occasion, the President-designate informed the Preparatory Meeting that he would proceed on the basis of the rules of procedure used at the most recent Meeting of the States Parties.

Participation in the First Preparatory Meeting

5. 82 States Parties participated in the Meeting: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Belize, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Democratic republic of the Congo, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, El Salvador, Eritrea, France, Germany, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Holy See, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Malawi, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mozambique, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Thailand, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen and Zambia.

6. 6 States that had ratified or acceded to the Convention, but for which the Convention had not yet entered into force, participated in the Meeting as observers: Belarus, Burundi, Greece, Serbia and Montenegro, Sudan and Turkey.

7. 5 Signatories that have not ratified the Convention participated in the Meeting as observers: Brunei Darussalam, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Poland and Ukraine.

8. A further 22 States not parties to the Convention participated in the Meeting as observers: Azerbaijan, Bhutan, Cuba, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, Iraq, Israel, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Morocco, Oman, Papua New Guinea, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Syria.

9. The following international organizations and institutions, regional organizations, entities and non-governmental organizations attended the Meeting as observers: African Union, Association internationale des soldats de la paix (AISP), Council of the European Union, European Commission, Geneva Call, Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD), International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL), International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), International Peace Research Institute, Oslo (PRIO), League of Arab States, Organization of American States (OAS), Organization of the Islamic Conference, United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR), United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS).

10. A provisional and a final list of all delegations to the First Preparatory Meeting are contained in documents APLC/CONF/2004/PM.1/Misc.1 and APLC/CONF/2004/PM.1/INF.1 respectively.

Work of the First Preparatory Meeting

11. The First Preparatory Meeting held two plenary meetings on 13 February 2004.
12. The Meeting made recommendations with respect to a provisional agenda, provisional programme of work and cost estimates. The Meeting took note of the President-designate's commitment to consult with States Parties with a view to presenting to the Second Preparatory Meeting revised draft rules of procedure. In addition, the Meeting took note of the President-designate's commitment to consult with States Parties with respect to seeking a recommendation at the Second Preparatory Meeting regarding vice-presidents for the Review Conference.
13. The President-designate took note of the States Parties' desire that the Secretary General of the United Nations be requested to appoint an Executive Secretary for the First Review Conference. In addition, the President-designate informed the Meeting that he had been notified that the Secretary-General intends to appoint as Executive Secretary Mr. Enrique Roman Morey, Director of the United Nations Department for Disarmament Affairs, Geneva Branch, Conference on Disarmament Secretariat and Support Branch (Geneva). The President-designate also informed the Meeting that he had asked Mr. Kerry Brinkert, Manager of the Implementation Support Unit, to serve as the President's Executive Coordinator in support of the President-designate.
14. The Meeting took note that Kenya had designated Mr. Peter O. Ole Nkuraiya, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as Secretary-General-designate of the First Review Conference.
15. The Meeting considered two discussion papers prepared by Friends of the President and one prepared by the President-designate. These documents are contained in documents APLC/CONF/2004/PM.1/WP.1 to APLC/CONF/2004/PM.1/WP.3. The Meeting took note of these papers and expressed general satisfaction that the contents of them would provide useful direction to the President-designate in his ongoing efforts to develop with the States Parties a draft review of the general status and operation of the Convention, a draft post-Review Conference action plan, a draft document on the nature, timing and sequencing of post-Review Conference Meetings of the States Parties and related matters, and a draft high level declaration, and, if necessary, draft conclusions related to the implementation of the Convention.
16. The meeting took note of the President-designate's desire that after the Second Preparatory Meeting the States Parties would have given him a clear sense of what should be contained in the draft documentation to be prepared for the Review Conference in order that he could provide at the earliest possible date drafts for review by the States Parties. In this context, the meeting took note of the President-designate's desire to convene a one-day informal meeting during the last week of September to discuss draft documentation.
17. The Meeting also received updates from the host country Kenya on logistical and administrative matters and from the Secretariat on organizational matters in relationship to the First Review Conference. The Meeting expressed its satisfaction with the state of preparations.

Decisions and recommendations

18. The Meeting recommended for adoption at the First Review Conference the provisional agenda and provisional programme of work as contained in documents APLC/CONF/2004/1 and APLC/CONF/2004/2. In addition, the Meeting took note of the President-designate's commitment to present to the Second Preparatory Meeting ideas on how to best operationalize the agenda and programme.

19. The Meeting recommended for adoption at the First Review Conference the cost estimates for convening the First Review Conference as contained in document APLC/CONF/2004/4* with the exception of Section B in these estimates. The Meeting took note of the President-designate's commitment to consult with States Parties with respect to Section B of the cost estimates with a view to ensuring that the Second Preparatory Meeting would be provided with further clarifications and / or revisions.

Documentation

20. A list of documents of the First 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 First Preparatory Meeting

21. The Meeting adopted its Draft Procedural Report, contained in document APLC/CONF/2004/PM.1/CRP.1 as orally amended, which is being issued as document APLC/CONF/2004/PM.1/2.

Annex I**AGENDA**

As adopted at the first plenary meeting on 13 February 2004

1. Opening of the First Preparatory Meeting
2. Adoption of an agenda for the First Preparatory Meeting
3. Recommendation of a draft Agenda for the First Review Conference
4. Recommendation of a draft Programme of Work for the First Review Conference
5. Recommendation of draft Rules of Procedure for the First Review Conference
6. Recommendation of Vice-Presidents of the First Review Conference
7. Recommendation of draft Cost Estimates for the First Review Conference.
8. Exchange of views on preparations leading to a review, action plan, recommendations regarding future Meetings of the States Parties and a future Intersessional Work Programme, a high level declaration and the adoption, if necessary, of conclusions related to the implementation of the Convention.
9. Updates on logistical and administrative matters.
10. Other matters.
11. Consideration and adoption of a procedural report of the First Preparatory Meeting.

Annex II**LIST OF DOCUMENTS OF THE FIRST PREPARATORY MEETING
13 FEBRUARY 2004**

Symbol	Title	Countries/Organizations
APLC/CONF/2004/PM.1/1	Provisional Agenda	President-designate
APLC/CONF/2004/PM.1/2	Procedural Report of the First Preparatory Meeting	Secretariat
APLC/CONF/2004/PM.1/WP.1	Preparing a High Level Declaration for the Review Conference	President-designate
APLC/CONF/2004/PM.1/WP.2	Nature, Timing and Sequencing of Post-2004 Meetings of the States Parties and Related Matters	Germany, Malaysia
APLC/CONF/2004/PM.1/WP.3	Preparing Draft Documents for Consideration at the Review Conference: Suggested Elements For The "Review" And "Action Plan"	Canada, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Norway
APLC/CONF/2004/PM.1/CRP.1	Draft Procedural Report	Secretariat
APLC/CONF/2004/PM.1/Misc.1	Provisional List of Participants	Secretariat
APLC/CONF/2004/PM.1/INF.1	List of Participants	Secretariat

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