



Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer
of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction

SIXTH MEETING OF THE STATES PARTIES

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To: The Permanent Missions to the United
Nations (Geneva) of the States Parties to the
Convention

Relevant international and non-
governmental organizations

Excellencies, dear colleagues,

We would like to thank you for your consideration of the suggestions put forward by Austria and Croatia concerning the programme and documentation for the Convention's 28 November – 2 December 2005 Sixth Meeting of the States Parties. We were pleased with the volume and quality of the input provided in response to our discussion paper during and in advance of the 17 June 2005 meeting of the Standing Committee on the General Status and Operation of the Convention. We also appreciate the conclusion drawn by the Co-Chairs of that Standing Committee – that it appeared that the proposed programme could be put forward for consideration for adoption by the States Parties notwithstanding the need to take into consideration a number of the points made by States Parties in the actual preparation of the draft documentation and the execution of the programme.

You will recall that the centre-piece of our ideas is that a *Zagreb Progress Report* be developed – to both reflect upon progress made in the pursuit of the aims of the *Nairobi Action Plan* and to provide the States Parties and their 2005-2006 President and Co-Chairs with a clear sense of direction regarding areas that may require greater attention in the period between the Sixth and the Seventh Meetings of the States Parties. In preparing such a draft document, we are committed to applying the Convention's principles of transparency, inclusiveness and partnership. In this regard, we wish to invite you to provide input or suggestions regarding the form and substance of the draft *Zagreb Progress Report*. Any input provided by 31 July would be most welcome. However, should it be of assistance to you, you may wish to use the following questions to help develop your suggestions:

- It is our desire to produce a draft that is organized according to the sections (e.g., universalization, clearing mined areas, etc.) and subsections (e.g., cooperation and assistance, transparency and the exchange of information, etc.) of the *Nairobi Action Plan*. Therefore...
 - Since the Nairobi Summit, what efforts have been undertaken on a national, regional or international basis in the pursuit of the aims of the *Nairobi Action Plan*?
 - What progress has been made in each of the sections or subsections of the *Nairobi Action Plan*? Are there areas where further progress is required?
 - Given the state of progress made in the pursuit of the aims of the *Nairobi Action Plan*, what are logical priorities for the States Parties and their President and Co-Chair during the period 2005-2006?

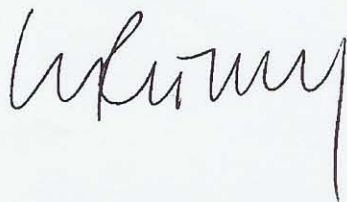
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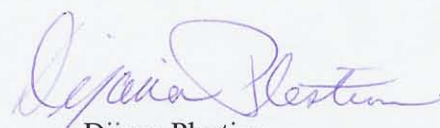
Our intention is with the help of the co-chairs and co-rapporteurs to carefully study all input provided and to work closely with the Co-Chairs to produce a draft *Zagreb Progress Report* for comment in early September. This will, of course, be an incomplete draft because additional progress in universalization and implementation is expected in the period between September and the Sixth Meeting of the States Parties. However, the draft should serve as useful basis for discussion at an informal meeting to be held in Geneva on Friday 23 September at 10:00.

Should you have any questions about preparations for the Sixth Meeting of the States Parties, please feel free to contact one of us at any time.

Your sincerely,



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