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The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Permanent Representative of ... to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction (APLC), which entered into force on 1 March 1999.

In accordance with the decision taken by the First Review Conference of the States Parties to the Convention held in Nairobi, Kenya, from 29 November to 3 December 2004, as contained in paragraph 32 (a) of the Final Report of the Conference (APLC/CONF/2004/5), meetings of the States parties shall be convened annually until the Second Review Conference, to be held in 2009. Accordingly, the Sixth Meeting of the States Parties which was convened by the Secretary-General in Zagreb, Croatia, from 28 November to 2 December 2005, decided to hold the Seventh Meeting of the States Parties at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 18 to 22 September 2006, as stipulated in paragraph 28 of the Final Report of the Meeting (APLC/MSP.6/2005/5).

Furthermore, the General Assembly, in paragraph 8 of its resolution 60/80 of 8 December 2005, requested the Secretary-General "to undertake the preparations necessary to convene the next meeting of the States parties, pending a decision to be taken at the sixth meeting of the States parties, and on behalf of the States parties and in accordance with article 11, paragraph 4, of the Convention, to invite States not parties to the Convention, as well as the United Nations, other relevant international organizations or institutions, regional organizations, the International Committee of the Red Cross and relevant non-governmental organizations to attend the seventh meeting of the States parties as observers".

In accordance with these provisions, the Secretary-General has the honour to convene the Seventh Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention. This meeting will be held from 18 to 22 September 2006 at the United Nations Office at Geneva, Switzerland.

The Secretary-General also has the honour, on behalf of the States parties, to invite States not parties to the Convention to participate in the Seventh Meeting as observers.



The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that article 14, paragraph 1, of the Convention provides that “the costs of the Meetings of the States Parties [...] shall be borne by the States Parties and States not parties to this Convention participating therein, in accordance with the United Nations scale of assessment adjusted appropriately”.

The details of delegations to the Seventh Meeting should be submitted, by Friday, 1 September 2006, to the secretariat of the Seventh Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention, at the following address:

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Further information on the arrangements for the meeting will be communicated to Permanent Missions by the secretariat of the Seventh Meeting in due course. Any enquiries concerning the Seventh Meeting should be directed to the secretariat.

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