



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

**SEVENTH MEETING OF THE STATES PARTIES**

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7 July 2006

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

Relevant international and non-governmental  
organizations

Dear friends,

Further to my letter dated 15 June 2006, it is my pleasure to invite you to an informal meeting to seek your input on preparations for the 18-22 September 2006 Seventh Meeting of the States Parties (7MSP). This meeting will take place as follows:

**Informal meeting to discuss 7MSP preparations**  
**Monday 17 July – 15:00-18:00**  
**World Meteorological Organization (WMO / OMM) Building, Salle A**

My hope is that at this informal meeting you will seize the opportunity to provide me with input on the two main substantive matters to be discussed at the 7MSP: (a) a draft *Geneva Progress Report* covering the period between the 6MSP and the 7MSP, and, (b) matters flowing from the discussion that took place in May on the Article 5 extension process. In addition, there will be an opportunity at this meeting for you to share views on any other matter that concerns the 7MSP. As well, I have asked the 7MSP Secretary-General-Designate and the 7MSP Executive Secretary to ensure that updates on organizational matters can be shared with you on 17 July.

To assist you in preparing for this informal meeting, enclosed you will find an agenda and document which contains a compilation of actions the States Parties may wish to take at the 7MSP. As well, it is my pleasure to provide you with an initial draft *Geneva Progress Report* and a paper summarizing the range of ideas that have been brought to my attention regarding the Article 5 extension process.

I hope is that the meeting on 17 July will be well used as a forum to exchange views. However, please feel free at any time to share your thoughts with me on the substantive preparations for the 7MSP.

I look forward to seeing you on 17 July.

Yours sincerely,

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