



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

Relevant international and non-governmental
organizations

Colleagues,

I would like to thank you for your input to the draft *Geneva Progress Report* which shall be issued at the conclusion of the 18-22 September 2006 Seventh Meeting of the States Parties (7MSP). Drawing on your input, I have prepared a revised draft to serve as the basis for discussion at the 7MSP. I have forwarded this draft to the 7MSP Executive Secretary. As it may take some time to format and distribute this document, I have enclosed an unofficial version of the draft report to assist your preparations for the 7MSP. You should note that some figures in report have not been stipulated as they will only become clear much closer to our meeting.

Our meeting in September will also consider questions related to the implementation of Article 5. As I indicated on 17 July, I am preparing a further paper on this matter. I intend to distribute this in mid-August and will convene a second informal meeting to discuss it and other issues as follows:

**Informal meeting to discuss 7MSP preparations
Monday 4 September – 13:00-15:00
Palais des Nations, Room XXIII**

The thematic discussions at the 7MSP in September will focus on the core aims of the Convention and on actions essential for achieving its full implementation. I encourage States Parties which are clearing mined areas, assisting victims, destroying stockpiled mines or fulfilling other obligations to provide further clarity or new information on the steps they have taken to fulfill their responsibilities. States Parties may wish to provide additional information in accordance with questions posed by the Co-Chairs in advance of the May 2006 meetings of the Standing Committees. These questions are enclosed for your reference.

Finally, please note that important information on the 7MSP can be found on the Internet at www.7msp.org.

Yours sincerely,

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