



The Cartagena Summit on a Mine-Free World

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION CONCERNING THE 3-4 DECEMBER HIGH LEVEL SEGMENT

21 August 2009

- The Cartagena Summit on a Mine-Free World will feature a High Level Segment that will take place on Thursday 3 December from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, continuing on Friday 4 December until the speakers' list has been exhausted. A high level representative of each participant and observer delegation is invited to participate by delivering a statement that should not exceed six minutes in length.
- In the establishment of a speakers' list, precedence will be given to participants at the level of State Secretary, Minister or higher with States Parties delivering their statements prior to statements being delivered by high level representatives of observer delegations. Flexibility will be accorded to participants at the level of State Secretary, Minister or higher who wish to speak at a time other than the opening session of the high level segment.
- Immediately after each high level participant delivers his or her statement, he or she will be escorted to a nearby room to sign a ceremonial version of the *Cartagena Declaration*. He or she may bring into the signing room others who he or she wishes to witness this event. A photographer will record each ceremonial signing. (Note that this was the same practice employed at the 2004 Nairobi Summit on a Mine-Free World.) It is aim of the President-Designate and the Host Country that there will be informal agreement on the text of the *Cartagena Declaration* well before the Cartagena Summit.
- Participants at the level of State Secretary, Minister or higher will be invited to a lunch on 3 December, hosted by the President of Colombia, Dr. Alvaro Uribe Velez, at 13:00.
- Participants at the level of State Secretary, Minister or higher will be invited to participate in a field visit that will take place in the morning of December 4th. There will be two groups for the field visit. The first group will be escorted from their hotels to Rafael Nuñez Airport at 6:30 a.m. where they will be transported by helicopter to Bajo Grande village. From 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. they will visit this location. The first group will return to Cartagena at 10:50 a.m. The second group will be escorted from their hotels to Rafael Nuñez Airport at 7:30 a.m. where they will be transported by helicopter to Bajo Grande village. From 8:45 to 9:50 a.m. they will visit this location. The second group will return to Cartagena at 12:00 noon. The field visit will be opened and closed by the Vice-President of Colombia, Mr. Francisco Santos. Those participating in the field visit will have the opportunity to see the experience of mine clearance in this location and the challenges that remain in order to assure effective development of the village and return of the displaced families. In Bajo Grande, there will be a coffee break for the participants.
- Some space will be made available at the Julio César Turbay Ayala Convention Centre for high level participants wishing to hold bilateral meetings.