

10MSP



30 August 2010

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

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Interested non-governmental and international organizations

Re: Informal meeting to discuss preparations for the Tenth Meeting of the States Parties

Excellencies, dear friends,

It was my pleasure to share with you on 25 June 2010 my initial ideas and draft programme for the 29 November – 3 December 2010 Tenth Meeting of the States Parties (10MSP) to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction. I was equally grateful to obtain a sense from you that I am proceeding in a manner that is to your liking.

Since June I have been working to prepare a variety of matters concerning the 10MSP. In keeping with the Convention's culture of transparency and inclusiveness, it is important for me to seek your input on these preparations. It was for this reason that I had indicated in June that I would convene an informal meeting on 7 September in Geneva. At this time, I would like to confirm my intention to proceed with such a meeting, which will take place as follows:

Tuesday 7 September – 13:00-15:00
World Meteorological Organization Building
Salle A

My hope is that at this informal meeting you will seize the opportunity to provide me with input on the main substantive matters to be discussed at the 10MSP. In addition, there will be an opportunity at this meeting for you to share views on any other matter that concerns the 10MSP. As well, updates on organizational matters will be provided.

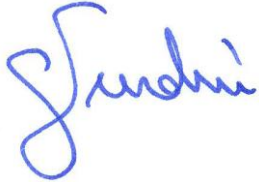
To assist you in preparing for this informal meeting, enclosed you will find an annotated agenda. In addition, I wish to refer you to the draft Geneva Progress Report 2009-2010, which can be found at the following location: www.10msp.org. I would be grateful if you could review this document and provide me with your views and input on 7 September and / or subsequently in writing.

President-Designate of the Tenth Meeting of the States Parties
C/O AP Mine Ban Convention Implementation Support Unit
Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining

I trust that the meeting on 7 September 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 10MSP.

I look forward to seeing you on 7 September.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gazmend Turdiu". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter 'G' being particularly large and stylized.

Gazmend Turdiu
President-Designate of the Tenth Meeting of the States Parties