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The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Permanent Representatives of Member States and Non-Member States 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.

Article 11 (1), of the Convention states that the “*States Parties shall meet regularly in order to consider any matter with regard to the application or implementation of this Convention [...]*”.

In accordance with Article 11 (1) and the decision taken by the Third Review Conference of the States Parties to the Convention (Maputo, Mozambique, 23 – 27 June 2014), the Fourteenth Meeting of the States Parties will be held in Geneva, Switzerland, the week of 30 November to 4 December 2015.

Furthermore, the General Assembly, in paragraph 9 of its resolution 69/34 of 2 December 2014, requested the Secretary-General “*in accordance with article 11, paragraph 1, of the Convention, to undertake the preparations necessary to convene the Fourteenth Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention 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 Fourteenth Meeting of the States Parties as observers..*”.

In accordance with these provisions, the Secretary-General has the honour to convene the Fourteenth Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention to be held the week of 30 November to 4 December 2015 in Geneva (Switzerland).

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



The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that article 14, paragraph 1, of the Convention provides, *inter alia*, as follows:

“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 composition of delegations to the Fourteenth Meeting should be submitted **by Friday, 20 November 2015**, to the Executive Secretary of the 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 in due course.

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