



MISIÓN PERMANENTE DE CHILE ANTE LAS
ORGANIZACIONES INTERNACIONALES EN GINEBRA

Geneva, 26 January 2016

To: Interested non-governmental and international organizations

Dear friends,

The Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction is the cornerstone of the international effort to end the suffering and casualties caused by anti-personnel mines. The overwhelming success of this Convention is a testimony to the hard work carried out by States in collaboration with Civil Society.

At the Maputo Review Conference in June 2014 the States Parties collectively made a call to ensure that there are no new mine victims in areas under our jurisdiction or control, to see that survivors participate in their societies on an equal basis to others, and to intensify our efforts to complete our respective time-bound obligations to the fullest extent possible by 2025. The *last stretch* will require the strengthening of our joint commitment and resolve.

It is therefore a great honor for the Presidency to invite you to take part in the following event:

**First International Pledging Conference for the Implementation of the
Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention :
A Mine Free World by 2025: "THE LAST STRETCH"**

Wednesday, 2 March, Palais des Nations, Room XXV, 15:00 – 18:00

The Pledging Conference will be inaugurated by a **High Level Panel** during the first hour to be **chaired by H.E. Heraldo Muñoz, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Chile**.

The active participation of Civil Society is critical to the Conference's success. The Concept Note, adjoined to this letter, provides additional details concerning the Pledging Conference.

We would ask that you please communicate your participation to the AP Mine Ban Convention's Implementation Support Unit at isu@apminebanconvention.org as soon as possible but no later than 26 February 2016.

We look forward to your participation.
Yours sincerely,

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