

7 February 2022

**To:** The Permanent Missions to the United Nations in Geneva of States Parties and States not party to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti- Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction

Interested international and non-governmental organisations

**Re: 20-22 June 2022 Intersessional Meetings of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention**

Excellencies, dear Colleagues,

It is a great pleasure to write to you in my capacity as President of the Twentieth Meeting of the States Parties (20MSP) to the *Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti- Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction* and on behalf of the Convention's Coordinating Committee. My purpose in writing you today concerns the upcoming Intersessional Meetings to be held on **20 – 22 June 2021**, at the World Intellectual Property Organization premises in Geneva. The date had to be modified from what was agreed upon by the Nineteenth Meeting of the States Parties due primarily to the challenges in locating an available facility.

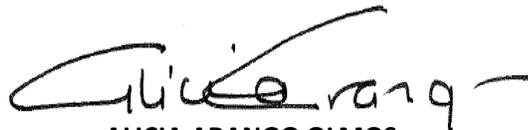
The Intersessional Meetings are of great importance for our joint implementation efforts as they mark the mid-way point between formal meetings of States Parties. This year, they also mark the mid-way point of the implementation of the Oslo Action Plan (OAP) and will provide an important opportunity to discuss progress and challenges in implementation ahead of the 20MSP.

The Coordinating Committee is mindful of the continued restrictions caused by the global COVID-19 pandemic which unfortunately continues to affect us all. Should it be necessary, we will of course keep you informed of any alterations to the format of the Intersessional Meetings. As we move forward, the Coordinating Committee will share additional information concerning the Intersessional Meetings, including the programme, information on registration and guidelines on participation.

Although space may be limited, our intention is to provide a space for side events to take place and we ask that those interested in hosting a side event on the margins of the meeting inform the ISU ([isu@apminebanconvention.org](mailto:isu@apminebanconvention.org)) by no later than **6 May** by filling out the attached form.

Should you have any questions on these matters, please do not hesitate to contact me or the ISU. We look forward to your continued engagement in the lead-up to the Intersessional Meetings.

Yours sincerely,



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