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The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Permanent Representatives of Member States and to the Permanent Observers of 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 [...]”. The Fourth Review Conference of the States Parties to the Convention (Oslo, 26 to 29 November 2019) agreed to convene annually a meeting of the States Parties for up to five days at the end of November or the beginning of December.

Pursuant to Article 11(1), the Twentieth Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention (from 21 to 25 November 2022) agreed to hold the Twenty-first Meeting of the States Parties in Geneva, Switzerland, during the week of 20 to 24 November 2023.

Furthermore, the United Nations General Assembly, in paragraph 10 of its resolution [77/63](#) of 7 December 2022:

*“Requests the Secretary-General, in accordance with article 12, paragraph 1, of the Convention, to undertake the preparations necessary to convene the Twenty-first Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention and, on behalf of the States parties and in accordance with article 12, paragraph 3, 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 Twenty-first Meeting of the States Parties as observers”.*

In accordance with these provisions, the Secretary-General has the honour to convene the Twenty-first Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention to be held in Geneva, Switzerland, during the week of **20 November 2023**.

The Secretary-General also has the honour, on behalf of the States Parties, to invite the States not parties to the Convention, as well as the relevant international organizations or institutions and non-governmental organizations 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 Twenty-first Meeting should be submitted by **Friday, 10 November 2023**, to the Executive Secretary of the Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention, at the following address:

APLC Secretariat  
Twenty-first Meeting of the States Parties  
United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (Geneva Branch)  
Palais des Nations  
1211 Geneva 10  
Switzerland  
E-mail: [aplc@un.org](mailto:aplc@un.org)

Additional information regarding the arrangements for the Meeting will be communicated to Permanent Missions and to Permanent Observer Missions by the Secretariat in due course.

The Secretary-General of the United Nations avails himself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Representatives of Member States and Permanent Observers of non-Member States to the United Nations the assurances of his highest consideration.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "S. G.", located to the right of the official seal.

16 January 2023