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**Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Cambodia
to the United Nations Office and other
International Organizations at Geneva**

Geneva, 24 March 2023

H.E. Mr. Thomas Göbel
Ambassador and Permanent Representative
Permanent Representation of Germany
to the Conference on Disarmament
President of the Twenty-first Meeting
of the States Parties

Your Excellency,

I am addressing this letter to you in your capacity as President of the Twenty-first Meeting of the States Parties of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention (APMBC). Please allow me to express my deep appreciation for the efficient manner in which you are leading our efforts to fulfil the purpose and objectives of the Convention.

From Cambodia's perspective, the APMBC is the centrepiece in our collective efforts to address the unacceptable humanitarian consequences of anti-personnel landmines. The Convention has established a firm normative framework and a productive arena of collaboration between States, International Organizations and civil society to strengthen the protection of civilians in armed conflict. The universalization and effective implementation of the Convention has been a key priority for Cambodia since the Convention was adopted in 1997.

In this context, I wish to inform your Excellency that the Kingdom of Cambodia has decided to seek the Presidency of the Fifth Review Conference of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention (APMBC), which we would aim to host in Cambodia in 2024. With the goal of a mine free world in 2025 fast approaching, the Fifth Review Conference will be a key milestone in our efforts to fulfil the purpose and objectives of the Convention.

I would appreciate if you could consider our expression of interest to assume the Presidency of the Fifth Review Conference of the APMBC States Parties and if you could ask the Implementation Support Unit to distribute this expression of interest to the wider community of States Parties. Should you wish to discuss this matter, I remain at your disposal.

Please accept, your Excellency, the assurances of my highest considerations.

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Ambassador and Permanent Representative