



Twenty-First Meeting of the States Parties
20 to 24 November 2023, Geneva

7 March 2023

Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office
at Geneva of the States Parties and 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: Eighth Annual Pledging Conference - Support to the Implementation of the Anti-Personnel Mine
Ban Convention, Friday, 24 March 2023, 15:00-17:00, Room XVIII**

Your Excellencies, dear colleagues,

It is an honour to have been designated President of the Twenty-First Meeting of the States Parties (21MSP). As you may know, the Convention's President is mandated, in part, to "lead efforts to mobilise sufficient resources to fund the operations of the Implementation Support Unit (ISU)."

As you may recall, the Fourteenth Meeting of the States Parties decided that "early in each year, as a rule, a conference of States Parties shall be held to collect pledges and contributions in order to obtain an overview of the funds that can be expected for the current year as well as for the foreseeable period." Furthermore, Action #10 of the Oslo Action Plan commits States Parties to consider providing voluntary resources for the effective functioning of the ISU, including by making multi-year commitments where feasible in accordance with the ISU's 5-year work plan.

The Annual Pledging Conference has also been a platform for States Parties to announce their pledges of support to the Convention's Sponsorship Programme and to share information on their global cooperation and assistance efforts.

Building upon the success of last year's pledging conference, I am pleased to invite you to join me at the:

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Support to the Implementation of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention
Friday, 24 March 2023, 15:00-17:00, Room XVIII
Palais des Nations, Geneva

Ms. Katja Keul, Minister of State at the Federal Foreign Office, will address the Pledging Conference.

We would be grateful if you could confirm your presence as soon as possible but no later than Friday 17 March 2023 by emailing the ISU at isu@apminebanconvention.org.

We look forward to your participation and strongly encourage pledges of new, renewed or increased support for the ISU and Sponsorship Programme of the Convention.

Sincerely,



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President of the Twenty-First Meeting of the States Parties