



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

8 May 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: Invitation to the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention Intersessional Meetings, 19-21 June 2023

Excellencies, dear Colleagues,

It is a great pleasure to write to you in my capacity as President of the Twenty-First Meeting of the States Parties (21MSP) to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction to invite you to participate in the:

Intersessional Meetings

19-21 June 2023

World Meteorological Organisation Building (WMO) , in Geneva

Registration: <https://www.apminebanconvention.org/en/intersessional-meetings/2023-im/>

Password when registering: **APMBC2023**

Please register by 9 June 2023

The programme we prepared together with the Committees of the Convention provides ample opportunities for States Parties and other stakeholders to present updates or views on progress in all aspects of the implementation of the Convention. This year's meetings can be used to reflect on our achievements, assess how the Oslo Action Plan is being implemented and take stock of the areas needing increased attention ahead of the 21MSP to take place on 20-24 November 2023 and the upcoming Review Conference in 2024. In addition, a day has been set aside to allow in-depth thematic discussions concerning important implementation issues. Attached you will find the programme for the meeting as well as initial guiding questions for our discussions.

President of the Twenty-First Meeting of the States Parties

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It would be highly appreciated if you could indicate in advance to the ISU, during which items of the programme your delegation intends to intervene by no later than **15 June 2023** in order to ensure your delegation is included in the list of speakers. Should you have any questions about the programme, please contact me or the ISU at isu@apminebanconvention.org.

Finally, as President, I am committed to incorporating a gender perspective in all parts of our work under the Convention. I would encourage all States Parties and other stakeholders to keep this perspective in mind when composing their delegations and in preparing their interventions. Furthermore, I am also committed to ensure a multilingual approach. In this regard, interpretation will be made available at the in Arabic, English, French, Russian, and Spanish.

I count on your continued engagement in the lead-up to the Intersessional Meetings and I look forward to seeing you in person in June.

Sincerely,



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Permanent Representation of Germany to the Conference on Disarmament

President of the Twenty-First Meeting of the States Parties