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**Fifth Review Conference of the States Parties to the  
Convention on the Prohibition of the Use,  
Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of  
Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction**

18 September 2024

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**Second Preparatory Meeting  
Geneva, 18 September 2024****Draft Procedural report\*****I. Introduction**

1. The Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction provides in Article 12, paragraph 1 that “a Review Conference shall be convened by the Secretary-General of the United Nations five years after the entry into force of the Convention” and that “further Review Conferences shall be convened by the Secretary-General of the United Nations if so requested by one or more States Parties, provided that the interval between Review Conferences shall in no case be less than five years.”

2. The 2019 Fourth Review Conference agreed that the Fifth Review Conference will be held at the end of 2024, as stipulated in the Final document of the Conference (APLC/CONF/2019/5, paragraph 34(ii)).

3. The Twenty-First Meeting of the States Parties agreed to hold the Fifth Review Conference of the States Parties in Siem Reap, Cambodia, the week of 25-29 November 2024, and to elect the Senior Minister and First Vice President of the Cambodian Mine Action and Victim Assistance Authority (CMAA), Dr. Ly Thuch, as the President of the Fifth Review Conference. The Meeting also agreed to hold in Geneva, Switzerland, the First Preparatory Meeting for the Fifth Review Conference, on 21 June 2024<sup>1</sup>, and the Second Preparatory Meeting for the Fifth Review Conference, on 18 September 2024. (APLC/MSP.21/2023/18, paragraph 59).

**II. Organization of the Second Preparatory Meeting**

4. The Second Preparatory Meeting was opened on 18 September 2024 and presided over by Dr. Ly Thuch, Senior Minister and First Vice President of the CMAA, President of the Fifth Review Conference.

5. The Second Preparatory Meeting adopted its agenda as contained in document APLC/CONF/2024/PM.2/1.

**III. Participation in the First Preparatory Meeting**

6. The following States Parties participated in the Meeting: Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Finland, Germany Ghana, Greece, Holy See, Italy,

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<sup>1</sup> Date was changed to 20 June 2024 due to conference space availability.

Japan, Jordan, Latvia, Madagascar, Malaysia, Montenegro, Mozambique, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Panama, Poland, Portugal, Senegal, Serbia, Siera Leone, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Togo, Tunisia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), and Zimbabwe.

7. The following States participated in the Meeting as observers, in accordance with article 11, paragraph 4, of the Convention and rule 1, paragraph 1, of the rules of procedure of the Meeting: Armenia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Morocco, Myanmar, Republic of Korea, and United Arab Emirates.

8. In accordance with article 1, paragraph 4, of the Convention and rule 1, paragraphs 2 and 3, of the rules of procedure, the following international organizations and institutions, regional organizations, entities and non-governmental organizations attended the Meeting as observers: European Union, Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD), International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL), International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), United Nations Disarmament research Institute (UNIDIR), United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS), and United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA).

9. In accordance with article 1, paragraph 4, of the Convention and rule 1, paragraph 4, of the rules of procedure, the following other organizations attended the Meeting as observers: APOPO, Norwegian People's Aid (NPA), Mines Advisory Group (MAG), and The HALO Trust.

#### **IV. Work of the Second Preparatory Meeting**

10. The Second Preparatory Meeting held two plenary meetings on 18 September 2024.

11. The Meeting considered the Draft Review of the Operation and Status of the Convention, as contained in APLC/CONF/2024/PM.2/5, the Draft Siem Reap– Angkor Action Plan 2025-2029, as contained in APLC/CONF/2024/PM.2/2, the Draft Siem Reap– Angkor Declaration on a Mine Free World, as contained in APLC/CONF/2024/PM.2/3, and the Draft Recommendations on a Meeting Programme and Machinery 2025 - 2029, as contained in APLC/CONF/2024/PM.2/4, all submitted by the President. States Parties and observers exchanged views and provided input for the further development of these documents. The President expressed his appreciation for the constructive suggestions that would assist in further developing and strengthening the draft documents for consideration by the Fifth Review Conference.

12. The Meeting received updates from the host country, Cambodia, on logistical and administrative matters. The Meeting took note that the provisional programme of work of the Fifth Review Conference starts with a day of events on Sunday 24 November 2024.

13. The Meeting received an update from the Director of the Implementation Support Unit on the status of preparation of the Implementation Support Unit Work Plan and Budget 2025-2029.

14. The Meeting considered the status of the assessed contributions to the Fifth Review Conference.

15. The Meeting received an update from the Coordinator of the Sponsorship Programme. The Meeting noted that ensuring broad and diverse participation in the Fifth Review Conference was in the interest of all and that hearing from all States Parties on the implementation of the Convention is critical. The Coordinator of the Sponsorship Programme appealed to States Parties to continue providing voluntary contributions to the Sponsorship Programme.

#### **V. Decisions and recommendations**

16. In the context of the exchange of views on documents to be adopted at the Fifth Review Conference, the Meeting took note of the Draft Review of the Operation and Status of the Convention, as contained in APLC/CONF/2024/PM.2/5, the Draft Siem Reap–Angkor

Action Plan 2025-2029, as contained in APLC/CONF/2024/PM.2/2, the Draft Siem Reap–Angkor Declaration on a Mine Free World, as contained in APLC/CONF/2024/PM.2/3, and the Draft Recommendations on a Meeting Programme and Machinery 2025 - 2029, as contained in APLC/CONF/2024/PM.2/4, and expressed general satisfaction that their content provide an excellent basis for the further development of the review of the general status and operation of the Convention, the Siem Reap – Angkor Action Plan 2025-2029, covering the five-year period following the Fifth Review Conference, a political declaration, and the future Convention’s meetings and machinery.

17. The Meeting took note of the status of preparation of the Implementation Support Unit Work Plan and Budget 2025-2029.

18. In the context of the updates on logistical and administrative matters, the Meeting expressed its satisfaction with the state of preparations. The Meeting also took note of the appeal for renewing the political commitment to the Convention at a high level at the Fifth Review Conference.

19. In the context of considering the status of assessed contributions for the Fifth Review Conference, the Meeting called upon the States Parties and States not party participating in the meetings of the States Parties to the Convention to ensure prompt and full payment of their respective assessed contributions and strict compliance with their obligations pursuant to Article 14 of the Convention.

20. The Meeting noted the need for States Parties in a position to do so to contribute to the Sponsorship Programme in 2024 and beyond in order to ensure the broadest possible participation in the work of the Convention.

21. The Meeting welcomed the interest expressed by States Parties to serve as new Committee members from the end of the Fifth Review Conference for a two-year term as follows:

- Committee on Victim Assistance: Sri Lanka and Austria
- Committee on Article 5 Implementation: Algeria and Norway
- Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance: Cameroon and Switzerland
- Committee on Cooperative Compliance: Belgium and Cambodia

## **VI. Documentation**

22. A list of documents of the Second Preparatory Meeting is contained in the annex to this report. These documents are available through the United Nations Official Documents System (<http://documents.un.org>).

## **VII. Adoption of the Procedural Report of the Second Preparatory Meeting**

23. The Meeting adopted its draft procedural report, as contained in document APLC/CONF/2024/PM.2/CRP.1, as orally amended.

## Annex

### List of documents

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<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
APLC/CONF/2024/PM.2/1	Provisional Agenda. Submitted by the President
APLC/CONF/2024/PM.2/2	Draft Siem Reap– Angkor Action Plan 2025-2029. Submitted by the President
APLC/CONF/2024/PM.2/3	Draft Siem Reap– Angkor Declaration on a Mine Free World. Submitted by the President
APLC/CONF/2024/PM.2/4	Draft Recommendations on a Meeting Programme and Machinery 2025 - 2029. Submitted by the President
APLC/CONF/2024/PM.2/5	Draft Review of the Operation and Status of the Convention
APLC/CONF/2024/PM.2/6	Procedural report
APLC/CONF/2024/PM.2/CRP.2	Draft procedural report. Submitted by the Secretariat
APLC/CONF/2024/PM.2/INF.1	List of participants
APLC/CONF/2024/PM.2/CRP.1	Provisional List of participants

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