



The Siem Reap - Angkor Summit On A Mine-Free World  
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To: The Permanent Missions to the United Nations (Geneva)  
of the States Parties to the Convention

The Permanent Mission to the United Nations (Geneva)  
of the States not party to the Convention

Relevant international and non-governmental organisations

Excellencies, dear colleagues and friends,

It is a great pleasure to write to you in my capacity as President of the Fifth Review Conference of the States Parties (5RC) 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:

**Second Preparatory Meeting in advance of the Fifth Review Conference**

18 September 2024

Room XVI, Palais des Nations, Geneva

The Second Preparatory Meeting will be an important opportunity for us to have a detailed discussion and exchange views on the key documents of the Fifth Review Conference, i.e. draft review, a draft action plan and draft elements for a political declaration as well as proposed decisions on the Convention's machinery and meetings.

- The Second Preparatory Meeting will be held on 18 September 2024 in room XVI at the Palais des Nations in Geneva. We will hold morning and afternoon sessions, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00.
- Following the opening of the meeting, I will share information on the organisation of work for the Fifth Review Conference, in particular on the opening ceremony, the segment entitled "renewing the political commitment to the Convention", and the events on the margin of the meeting.
- With respect to the exchange of views on draft documents, I intend to begin with the draft Review of the Operation and Status of the Convention, opening the floor for any reactions or comments that have not yet been addressed.
- As you will see from the attached provisional agenda, most of our time during the Second Preparatory Meeting will be used to discuss the draft Siem Reap Angkor Action Plan, which I intend

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to go through, section by section. This will be followed by a discussion on the proposed post-Fifth Review Conference machinery and meetings programme and on the draft elements for the Siem Reap Angkor Declaration.

- The draft Siem Reap Angkor Action Plan and draft elements for the Siem Reap Angkor political declaration on a mine-free world are attached in their informal version. In terms of next steps, I would like to invite you to provide **input in writing by 2 September 2024** on the draft Siem Reap Angkor Action Plan 2025-2029 and the draft elements for the Siem Reap Angkor political declaration. Further documents will be made available ahead of the Second Preparatory Meeting on the Convention's website here: <https://www.apminebanconvention.org/en/review-conferences/5RevCon/>
- The ISU Director will present the main elements of the ISU's five-year ISU Work Plan and Budget and the representative from the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs will provide an update on the status of assessed contributions and share important information on registration for the Fifth Review Conference.

I look forward to your delegation participating in the Second Preparatory Meeting and my hope is that our discussions will give me clear direction to finalize the draft documents for the Fifth Review Conference and submit them for consideration and adoption in Siem Reap.

If necessary, I would be pleased to convene additional informal meetings prior to the Fifth Review Conference, should there be a need for further discussions on particular matters.

I count on your continued engagement in the lead-up to the Fifth Review Conference and I look forward to seeing you in person on 18 September.

Sincerely,



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President of the Fifth Review Conference "The Siem Reap-Angkor Summit on a Mine-Free World"

Enc.:

- Provisional Agenda for the Second Preparatory Meeting
- Draft Siem Reap Angkor Action Plan
- Draft elements for the Siem Reap Angkor political declaration on a mine-free world