

Twenty-Second Meeting of the States Parties 1 to 5 December 2025, Geneva

12 February 2025

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: Tenth Annual Pledging Conference - Support to the Implementation of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention

Your Excellencies, dear colleagues,

It is my pleasure to write to you in my capacity as President of the Twenty-Second Meeting of the States Parties (22MSP) to the Convention on the *Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production, and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction* regarding my mandate to "lead efforts to mobilise sufficient resources to fund the operations of the Implementation Support Unit (ISU)".

In 2014, 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". Since then, a pledging conference has been convened annually.

Furthermore, at the Fifth Review Conference in 2024, we recommitted in the Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan 2025 – 2029, to "consider providing voluntary resources for the effective operation of the ISU, making multi-year commitments where feasible in accordance with the ISU's 5-year work plan." It is therefore important that all States Parties consider providing a voluntary contributing to the ISU to ensure its uninterrupted support to States Parties in their implementation efforts.

In this regard, I would like to invite you to join me at the *Tenth Annual Pledging Conference in support of the Implementation of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention*, taking place on Wednesday, 12 March 2025, 15:00-18:00, Palais des Nations Room VII.

I look forward to your participation and encourage pledges in support for the ISU, as well as to the Convention's Sponsorship Programme and the Cooperation and Assistance Fund. Information on where to direct your contributions is attached.

¹ Action#10, Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan 2025-2029, 29 November 2024.

I would be grateful if you could confirm your presence as soon as possible but no later than <u>Friday, 7 March 2025</u> by emailing the ISU at <u>isu@apminebanconvention.org</u>.

We look forward to your participation and your pledges.

Yours sincerely,

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