

**SECOND 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**

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**Consideration and adoption of a
procedural report of the First Preparatory Meeting**

PROCEDURAL REPORT OF THE FIRST PREPARATORY MEETING

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. At the 2004 First Review Conference, it was agreed that the Second Review Conference will take place in the second half of the year 2009.

3. The First Preparatory Meeting was held pursuant to the decisions of the Ninth Meeting of the States Parties. At the Ninth Meeting of the States Parties, the States Parties agreed to hold the Second Review Conference in Cartagena, Colombia the week of 30 November to 4 December 2009 and to hold preparatory meetings in advance of the Second Review Conference in Geneva on 29 May 2009 and on 3-4 September 2009. In addition, the meeting agreed to designate Her Excellency, Ambassador Susan Eckey of Norway, President of the Second Review Conference.

Organization of the First Preparatory Meeting

4. The First Preparatory Meeting was opened on 29 May 2009 by Ambassador Susan Eckey of Norway, President-designate of the Second Review Conference. In opening the meeting, the President-designate expressed her hope that the Second Review Conference – **the Cartagena Summit on a Mine-Free World** – would refocus the world’s attention on the humanitarian essence of the Convention, reinvigorate national implementation and compliance efforts, enhance national ownership and promote the international norm created by the Convention that any use of anti-personnel mines is prohibited and unacceptable.

5. At its first plenary meeting on 29 May 2009, the First Preparatory Meeting adopted its agenda as contained in document APLC/CONF/2009/PM.1/1 which is annexed to this report as Annex I. On the same occasion, the President-designate informed the Preparatory Meeting that she would proceed on the basis of the rules of procedure used at the most recent Meeting of the States Parties.

Participation in the First Preparatory Meeting

6. Eighty States Parties participated in the Meeting: Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Cote D'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Holy See, Hungary, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Latvia, Lithuania, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mauritania, Mexico, Moldova, Monaco, Mozambique, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Senegal, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

7. One Signatory that has not ratified the Convention participated in the Meeting as an observer: Poland.

8. A further seven States not parties to the Convention participated in the Meeting as observers: Azerbaijan, China, Finland, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Morocco, and Saudi Arabia.

9. The following international organizations and institutions, regional organizations, entities and non-governmental organizations attended the Meeting as observers: Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD), International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL), International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR), United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS), and United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA).

10. A provisional and a final list of all delegations to the First Preparatory Meeting are contained in documents APLC/CONF/2009/PM.1/MISC.1 and APLC/CONF/2009/PM.1/INF.1 respectively.

Work of the First Preparatory Meeting

11. The First Preparatory Meeting held one plenary meeting on 29 May 2009.

12. The Meeting made recommendations with respect to a draft agenda, provisional programme of work, rules of procedure and cost estimates.

13. The Meeting made recommendations with respect to designations of Vice Presidents of the Second Review Conference.

14. The Meeting took note that of the designation of Her Excellency, Clara Inés Vargas of Colombia as Secretary-General of the Second Review Conference and the appointment by the Secretary General of the United Nations of Mr. Peter Kolarov of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs, Geneva Branch, as provisional Executive Secretary of the Second Review Conference. In addition, the President-designate informed the Meeting that in keeping with past practice she had asked Mr. Kerry Brinkert, Director of the Implementation Support Unit, to serve as the President's Executive Coordinator.

15. The Meeting considered a discussion paper prepared by the President-designate APLC/CONF/2009/PM.1/5. The Meeting took note of this paper and expressed general satisfaction that the contents of it would provide useful direction to the President-designate in her ongoing efforts to develop with the States Parties a draft review of the general status and operation of the Convention, an action plan covering the period following the Second Review Conference and a draft high level declaration. The Meeting also noted that the Second Review Conference would need to take decisions on a future meeting programme and on requests submitted in 2009 in accordance with Article 5 of the Convention.

16. The Meeting also received updates from the host country, Colombia, on logistical and administrative matters. The Meeting expressed its satisfaction with the state of preparations, taking note in particular of the activities being planned by the host country on 29 November 2009 and the encouragement made for delegates to arrive in Cartagena on 28 November.

17. The Meeting took note of the appeal for participation at the highest possible level during a high level segment that will take place on 3-4 December at the Second Review Conference.

Decisions and recommendations

18. The Meeting recommended for adoption at the Second Review Conference the draft rules of procedure, draft agenda, provisional programme of work, and the cost estimates of the first and the second preparatory meetings, as contained in documents APLC/CONF/2009/PM.1/3, APLC/CONF/2009/PM.1/4, APLC/CONF/2009/PM.1/6*, APLC/CONF/2009/PM.1/6*/Corr.1, APLC/CONF/2009/PM.1/7 and APLC/CONF/2009/PM.1/7/Corr.1 respectively.

19. The Meeting recommended that, in keeping with the practice that has served the States Parties well at their formal meetings, the Co-Chairs of the four Standing Committees should serve as Vice Presidents of the Second Review Conference, namely: Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Chile, Italy, Japan, Thailand and Zambia.

Documentation

20. A list of documents of the First Preparatory Meeting is contained in Annex II to this report. These documents are available through the United Nations Official Documents System (<http://www.ods.unog.ch>).

Adoption of the Procedural Report of the First Preparatory Meeting

21. The Meeting adopted its Draft Procedural Report, which is being issued as document APLC/CONF/2009/PM.1/8.

Annex I

**AGENDA OF THE FIRST PREPARATORY MEETING
FOR THE SECOND REVIEW CONFERENCE**

As adopted at its plenary meeting on 29 May 2009

1. Opening of the First Preparatory meeting.
2. Adoption of an agenda for the First Preparatory Meeting.
3. Recommendation of a draft agenda and provisional programme of work for the Second Review Conference.
4. Recommendation of draft Rules of Procedure for the Second Review Conference.
5. Recommendation of Vice-Presidents of the Second Review Conference.
6. Recommendation of draft cost estimates for the Second Review Conference.
7. Exchange of views on preparations leading to the substantive outcomes of the Second Review Conference.
8. Updates on logistical and administrative matters.
9. Other matters.
10. Consideration and adoption of a procedural report of the First Preparatory Meeting.

Annex II

**LIST OF DOCUMENTS OF THE FIRST PREPARATORY MEETING
FOR THE SECOND REVIEW CONFERENCE**

APLC/CONF/2009/PM.1/1	Provisional Agenda of the First Preparatory Meeting. Submitted by the President-Designate of the Second Review Conference
APLC/CONF/2009/PM.1/2	Draft Rules of Procedure for the Second Review Conference. Submitted by the President-Designate of the Second Review Conference
APLC/CONF/2009/PM.1/3	Draft Agenda for the Second Review Conference. Submitted by the President-Designate of the Second Review Conference
APLC/CONF/2009/PM.1/4	Provisional Programme of Work for the Second Review Conference. Submitted by the President-Designate of the Second Review Conference
APLC/CONF/2009/PM.1/5	Preparing for the Second Review Conference. Discussion Paper. Submitted by the President-Designate of the Second Review Conference
APLC/CONF/2009/PM.1/6* and Corr.1	Estimated Costs for Convening the First Preparatory Meeting for the Second 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
APLC/CONF/2009/PM.1/7 and Corr.1	Estimated Costs for Convening the Second Preparatory Meeting for the Second 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
APLC/CONF/2009/PM.1/8	Procedural Report of the First Preparatory Meeting
APLC/CONF/2009/PM.1/CRP.1	Draft Procedural Report of the First Preparatory Meeting

APLC/CONF/2009/PM.1/INF.1

List of Participants. Submitted by the
Secretariat

APLC/CONF/2009/PM.1/MISC.1

Provisional List of Participants. Submitted by
the Secretariat

The documents above are available in all official languages through the Official Document System of the United Nations at <http://documents.un.org>, and the official APLC website as part of the website of the United Nations Office at Geneva at <http://www.unog.ch/aplc>.
