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on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling,
Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel
Mines and on Their Destruction**

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**Date, duration, location and presidency of the
Third Review Conference, and matters pertaining to
the preparations for the Third Review Conference**

**Preparing the review of the operation and status of the
Convention 2010–2014**

Submitted by the President-designate of the Third Review Conference

1. The review documents adopted by the First and Second Review Conferences have played an important role in documenting the evolution of efforts to pursue the core aims of the Convention and the other matters essential for achieving these aims. These documents have provided a detailed accounting of five-year periods of efforts to implement and pursue universalization of the Convention and its norms, they have documented formal understandings adopted by the States Parties regarding various aspects of the Convention, they have contained a historical accounting of creation, evolution and use of implementation machinery, and they have brought up-to-date the States Parties' collective view regarding remaining challenges.

2. As noted during the May 2013 meeting of the Standing Committee on the General Status and Operation of the Convention, the Third Review Conference should similarly adopt a comprehensive review of the Convention covering a five year period between the Second and the Third Review Conferences. It is proposed that this document should achieve the following:

(a) The review should document the progress made by the States Parties since the Second Review Conference in fulfilling the obligations under the Convention.

(b) The review should document efforts undertaken with respect to the commitments the States Parties made in the Cartagena Action Plan and the results of these actions.

(c) The review should document decisions and recommendations made by the States Parties since the Second Review Conference to facilitate and enhance implementation of the provisions of the Convention, reflecting an increased understanding of effective means to fulfil the obligations under the Convention.

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(d) The review should contain conclusions related to challenges that remain, as of the Third Review Conference Review Conference, in fulfilling the obligations under the Convention.

(e) The review should be organized in a manner consistent with the past reviews, which in turn have been organized in a manner consistent with how the States Parties have conceptualized the Convention and organized their work since 2002. In addition to specific sections covering the Convention's four core aims and the four other matters essential for achieving the Convention's aims, the review should document cross-cutting aspects (e.g., gender aspects, which feature in a cross-cutting way in the Cartagena Action Plan).

3. At the 6 December 2013 First Preparatory Meeting, delegations may wish to provide general input regarding what could be contained in the review document. It is then intended that an initial draft review document would be distributed to all delegations at the end of February 2014 for initial discussion at the 10 April 2014 second preparatory meetings. Course corrections would then be made to ensure that a high quality document that meets the above-mentioned aims can be ready to be considered and adopted at Third Review Conference in Maputo.
