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Geneva, 25 October 2008

Excellencies, Distinguished Colleagues,

I refer to the preparation for the Ninth Meeting 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 (9MSP), which will be held from 24 to 28 November 2008 in the Assembly Hall, Palais des Nations, United Nations Office at Geneva.

You will find enclosed herewith for your information a copy of the invitation note verbale (blank addressee) by the Secretary-General of the United Nations (ref. No. ODA/26-2008/APLC, dated 11 April 2008) to attend the Ninth Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention. Further to this note it is my pleasure to forward, attached to this letter, the Conference Registration Form for the above Meeting. This form needs to be filled out by your representatives not based in Geneva, and returned to the Executive Secretary before 14 November 2008 at the following address:

UN Office for Disarmament Affairs, Geneva Branch
Room PN-161
Palais des Nations
CH-1211 Geneva 10
Switzerland
Fax : (+41) 22 917 0034
E-mail: aplc.msp@unog.ch

A user-friendly electronic version of the Conference Registration Form is also available at the APLC website at www.unog.ch/aplc.

The security identification badges will be prepared on the basis of the Conference Registration Forms and will be available for pick up as of Friday, 21 November 2008 at 2 p.m. at the UNOG Safety and Security Section, Pass and Identification Unit, located at Pregny Gate. Please note that representatives assigned to collect the badges must present copies of the registration forms that have been duly filled out and sent to the Secretariat.

The Permanent Representatives of States parties and
States not parties to the Convention on the Prohibition
of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of
Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction
The interested international and non-governmental organizations

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Although no formal credentials are required, delegations of States Parties and Observer States are also requested to notify the Executive Secretary by 14 November 2008 the names and titles of their official representatives as well as indicating the Head of Delegation. This information will be reflected in the List of Participants, to be issued as part of the official documents of the Conference. Pursuant to the Rules of Procedure and the established practice, the registration of the ICBL Member organizations should be done through the Executive Director of the ICBL.

As always, the Secretariat remains at your disposal for any enquiries.

Looking forward to an effective cooperation in the preparation for a successful 9MSP.

Yours sincerely,



Tim Caughley
Executive Secretary of the 9MSP

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REFERENCE: ODA/26-2008/APLC

The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Permanent Representative of ... to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction (APLC), which entered into force on 1 March 1999.

In accordance with the decision taken by the First Review Conference of the States Parties to the Convention (29 November to 3 December 2004, Nairobi, Kenya), as contained in paragraph 32 (a) of the Final Report of the Conference (APLC/CONF/2004/5), meetings of the States Parties shall be convened annually until the Second Review Conference, to be held in 2009. Against this background, the Secretary-General convened the Seventh Meeting of the States Parties from 18 to 22 September 2006 in Geneva, Switzerland; and the Eighth Meeting of the States Parties from 18 to 22 November 2007 at the Dead Sea, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. As stipulated in paragraph 31 of the Final Report of the Eighth Meeting (APLC/MSP.8/2007/6), the Ninth Meeting of the States parties will be held from 24 to 28 November 2008 in Geneva, Switzerland.

Furthermore, the General Assembly, in paragraph 9 of its resolution 62/41 of 5 December 2007:

“Requests the Secretary-General, in accordance with article 11, paragraph 2, of the Convention, to undertake the preparations necessary to convene the next meeting of the States parties and, pending a decision to be taken at the eighth meeting of States parties, and on behalf of the States parties and in accordance with article 11, paragraph 4, of the Convention, to invite States not parties to the Convention, as well as the United Nations, other relevant international organizations or institutions, regional organizations, the International Committee of the Red Cross and relevant non-governmental organizations to attend the ninth meeting of the States parties as observers”.

In accordance with these provisions, the Secretary-General has the honour to convene the Ninth Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention. This meeting will be held from 24 to 28 November 2008 in Geneva, Switzerland.

The Secretary-General also has the honour, on behalf of the States Parties, to invite States not parties to the Convention to participate in the Ninth Meeting as observers.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that article 14, paragraph 1, of the Convention provides as follows:

"The costs of the Meetings of the States Parties [...] shall be borne by the States Parties and States not parties to this Convention participating therein, in accordance with the United Nations scale of assessment adjusted appropriately".

The details of delegations to the Ninth Meeting should be submitted, by Friday 7 November 2008, to the Secretariat of the Ninth Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention, at the following address:

APLC Secretariat
Ninth Meeting of the States Parties
United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (Geneva Branch)
Palais des Nations, office C-113.1
1211 Geneva 10
Switzerland
Fax: 41 (0) 22 917 00 34
E-mail: aplc@unog.ch
Website: <http://www.unog.ch/disarmament/aplc>

Further information on the arrangements for the meeting will be communicated to Permanent Missions by the APLC Secretariat in due course. Any enquiries concerning the Ninth Meeting should be directed to the APLC Secretariat.

11 April 2008

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STOCKPILING, PRODUCTION AND TRANSFER OF ANTI-
PERSONNEL MINES AND ON THEIR DESTRUCTION**

Conference Registration Form

Please return this form to the APLC Secretariat by fax at (+41 22) 917 00 34

Title of the Conference: _____

Date: _____

Delegation/Participant of Country, Organization or Agency: _____

Participant:

Mrs. Mr. Ms.

Family Name: _____

First Name: _____

Participation Category:

Head of Delegation

Observer Organization

Are you based in
Geneva as a
representative of your
Permanent Mission?

Delegation

NGO

YES NO

Observer Country

Other (please specify
below)

Participating from: _____

Participating until: _____

Official Occupation (in own country): _____

Passport or ID
Number: _____

Valid until: _____

Official Telephone No.: _____

Fax No.: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Permanent Official Address: _____

Address in Geneva: _____

Accompanied by Spouse: _____

YES

NO

Family Name (Spouse): _____

First Name (Spouse): _____

On Issue of ID Card

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Participant Signature: _____

Card No. Issued: _____

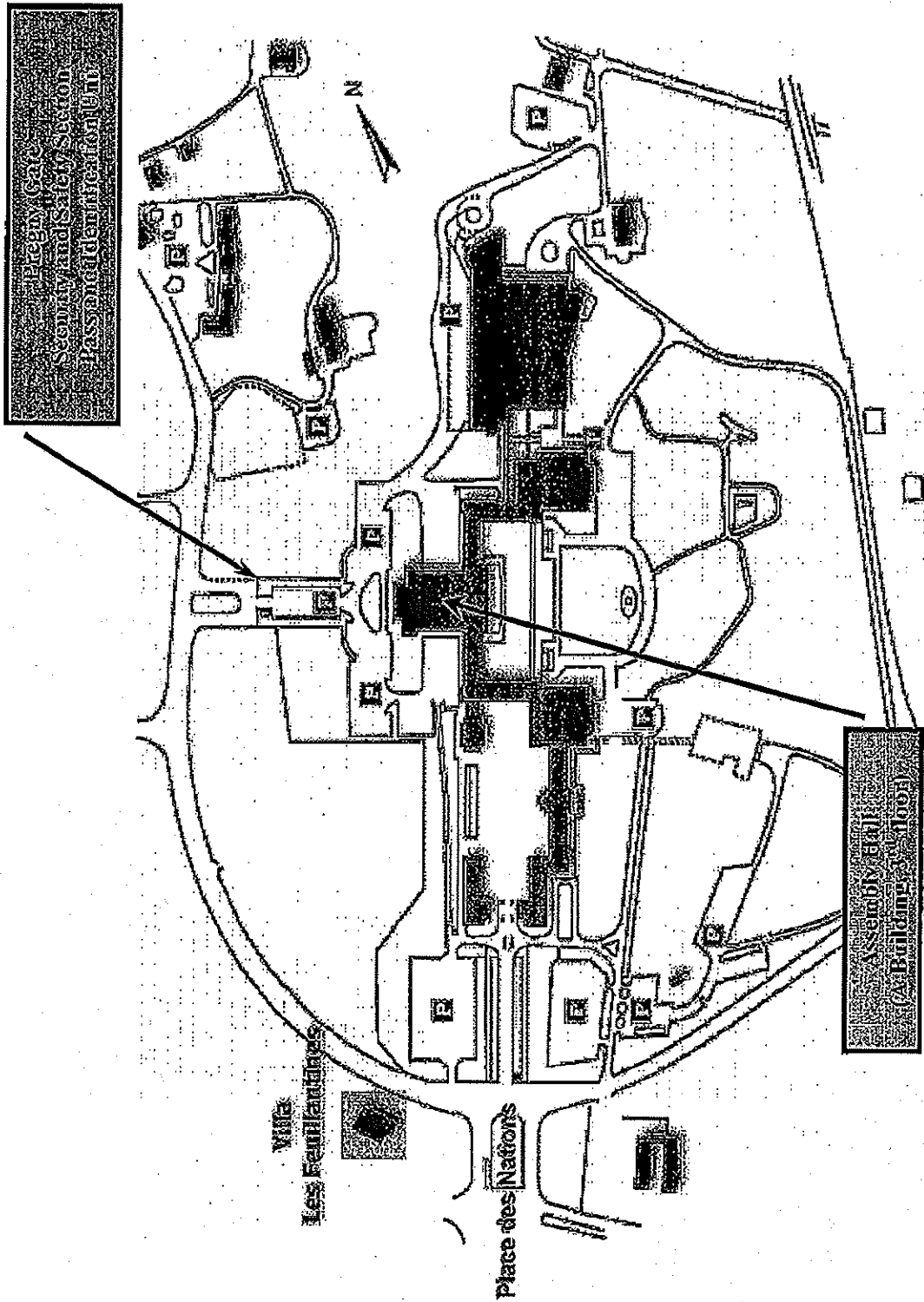
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