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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.

Article 12, paragraph 1, of the Convention states that a “Review Conference shall be convened by the Secretary-General of the United Nations five years after the entry into force of this Convention. 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. All States Parties to this Convention shall be invited to each Review Conference”.

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 (d) of the Final Report of the Conference (APLC/CONF/2004/5), the Second Review Conference will take place in the second half of the year 2009.

In accordance with the decision taken by the Ninth Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention (24 to 28 November 2008, Geneva, Switzerland), the Second Review Conference will take place in Cartagena, Colombia, the week of 30 November to 4 December 2009. The Meeting further decided to hold preparatory meetings in advance of the Second Review Conference in Geneva on 29 May 2009 and on 3 to 4 September 2009.

Furthermore, the General Assembly, in paragraph 9 of its resolution 63/42 of 2 December 2008:

“*Requests* the Secretary-General, in accordance with article 12, paragraph 1, of the Convention, to undertake the preparations necessary to convene the next Review Conference of the States parties to the Convention and, pending a decision to be taken at the ninth meeting of the 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 Review Conference as observers”.



In accordance with these provisions, the Secretary-General has the honour to convene the Second Review Conference of the States Parties to the Convention. This Conference will be held from 30 November to 4 December 2009 in Cartagena, Colombia. Two preparatory meetings in advance of the Second Review Conference will take place in Geneva on 29 May 2009 and on 3 to 4 September 2009.

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

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

“The costs of [...] the Review Conferences [...] 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 Review Conference should be submitted, by Friday 6 November 2009, to the Executive Secretary of the Second Review Conference of the States Parties to the Convention, at the following address:

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

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