

20 August 2010

- To: The Permanent Missions (Geneva) 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
- Re: Invitation to the third meeting of the ISU Task Force

Dear friends and colleagues,

First of all I would like to thank all those who participated in the first three meetings of the ISU Task Force on 10 February, 10 March and on 2 June.

It is my pleasure to invite the outgoing and incoming Presidencies of the Convention, the Co-Chairs and Co-Rapporteurs of the Standing Committees, the Contact Group Coordinators, the Sponsorship Programme Coordinator as well as other interested States Parties to the fourth meeting of the ISU Task Force which will take place on <u>Wednesday 8 September from 0900 to 1600</u> at the Hotel Intercontinental in Geneva.

Please inform Ms. Rigmor Blattner at the Permanent Mission of Norway in Geneva, <u>rib@mfa.no</u>, if you wish to participate in the meeting.

Mr. Tim Caughley, the independent consultant conducting the evaluation, submitted his preliminary report on 15 April 2010 and will submit his final report by 1 September in accordance with the agreed Terms of Reference. The final report will be posted at the Convention's website upon submission together with other relevant documents, including summaries of the three previous meetings of the Task Force and the preliminary report:

www.apminebanconvention.org/implementation-support-unit/evaluation-of-the-isu/

Mr. Tim Caughley will be present at the meeting on 8 September and present his report and the options he has identified. This will be followed by questions and comments to the independent consultant. Mr. Caughley will then leave the meeting as he has fulfilled his task.

I then propose to invite relevant stakeholders to address the Task Force, separately, and provide their comments and thoughts on the report. Such stakeholders would include the Director of the GICHD, the Director of the ISU, the ICBL, the ICRC and members of the UN Mine Action Team.

Following the lunch break I intend to convene a private meeting of the Task Force to discuss the options identified further and how to develop recommendations for the 10th Meeting of the States Parties.

Draft agenda for the fourth meeting of the ISU Task Force

08:30 Coffee and croissants

09:00-1200: Presentation of report and comments by relevant stakeholders

- 1. Opening of the meeting
- 2. Presentation of the final report and options identified by Mr. Caughley
- 3. Questions and answers
- 4. Comments on the report by the Director of the GICHD
- 5. Comments on the report by the ICBL
- 6. Comments on the report by the ICRC
- 7. Comments on the report by members of the UN Mine Action Team
- 8. Comments on the report by the Director of the ISU

1330-1600: Private meeting of the Task Force

- 9. Discussion on the options presented in the report
- **10.** Decision taken on date for next meeting
- 11. Closing of the meeting

Should you have any questions or comments to the agenda, please do not hesitate to contact me or my colleagues in advance of the meeting.

I look forward to working with you on this important matter, and hope for your continued active and constructive engagement in our tasks ahead.

Yours sincerely,

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Ambassador Susan Eckey President of the Second Review Conference