

UNODA statement – delivered on Friday, 24 June 2011

UNODA is actively engaged in the preparations for the 11MSP, in close cooperation and coordination with the Implementation Support Unit of the Mine Ban Treaty and the Royal Government of Cambodia.

A first visit to the host country took place almost a year ago to kick-off the process, determine the needs for the Meeting and assist Cambodia in the planning and the organization of the event.

We highly appreciate the commitment of the Cambodian Government to this process and the quality of the conference facility and remain confident that thanks to the determination of the host country and with the active involvement of all of us this Meeting will be a success.

A Host Country Agreement between the United Nations and Cambodia, as required by the respective UN regulations, has been negotiated and is in the process of finalization. We hope it will be concluded very soon once our internal clearance procedure is completed.

Pursuant to resolution 65/48 of the UN General Assembly, an Invitation note verbale by the Secretary-General of the United Nations was also circulated in New York earlier this year (ODA/26-2011/APLC of 15 April 2011).

For your convenience a copy of this Invitation note verbale in E, F, and S is also available on the APLC website of UNODA at <http://www.unog.ch/aplc> on the page of the Eleventh Meeting.

A separate invitation letter will be forwarded to the interested organizations. We are also in the process of deciding with Cambodia and the APLC ISU on the details of the registration and accreditation process for the Meeting.

I take this opportunity to remind you, however, that in accordance with the established practice and the Rules of procedure of the Meeting, the details of all participating delegates should be submitted by Friday, 18 November 2011, through a note verbale (or an official letter for the representatives of the different organizations) at the following address:

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As usual, the registration of the ICBL Member organizations should be done through the Executive Director of the ICBL.

Additional information on the registration process will be available on the website of the 11MSP.