
**Fifth Review Conference 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** 20 June 2024

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**First Preparatory Meeting
Geneva, 20 June 2024**

Draft Procedural report

Introduction

1. The Convention on the Prohibition of the use, stockpiling, production and transfer of anti-personnel mines and on their destruction provides in Article 12, paragraph 1 that “a Review Conference shall be convened by the Secretary-General of the United Nations five years after the entry into force of the Convention” and that “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.”
2. The 2019 Fourth Review Conference agreed that the Fifth Review Conference will be held at the end of 2024, as stipulated in the Final document of the Conference (APLC/CONF/2019/5, paragraph 34(ii)).
3. The Twenty-first Meeting of the States Parties agreed to hold the Fifth Review Conference of the States Parties in Siem Reap, Cambodia, the week of 25-29 November 2024, and to elect the Senior Minister and First Vice President of the Cambodian Mine Action and Victim Assistance Authority (CMAA), His Excellency Dr. Ly Thuch, as the President of the Fifth Review Conference. The Meeting also agreed to hold in Geneva, Switzerland, the First Preparatory Meeting for the Fifth Review Conference, on 21 June 2024¹, and the Second Preparatory Meeting for the Fifth Review Conference, on 18 September 2024. (APLC/MSP.21/2023/18, paragraph 59).

Organization of the First Preparatory Meeting

4. The First Preparatory Meeting was opened on 20 June 2024 and presided over by His Excellency Dr. Ly Thuch, Senior Minister, and First Vice President of the Cambodian Mine Action and Victim Assistance Authority (CMAA).
5. The First Preparatory Meeting adopted its agenda as contained in document APLC/CONF/2024/PM.1/1.

¹ Date was changed to 20 June 2024 due to conference space availability.

Participation in the First Preparatory Meeting

6. The following States Parties participated in the Meeting: Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Bosna and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Chad, Cote D'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Gambia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guinea-Bissau, Holy See, Honduras, Hungary, Iraq, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Kuwait, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Mexico, Moldova, Mozambique, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Sudan, Spain, Sri Lanka, State of Palestine, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Tunisia, Tajikistan, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Yemen, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

7. The following States participated in the Meeting as observers, in accordance with article 11, paragraph 4, of the Convention and rule 1, paragraph 1, of the rules of procedure of the Meeting: Armenia, Azerbaijan, India, Israel, Morocco, Myanmar, Republic of Korea, and United States of America.

8. In accordance with article 11, paragraph 4, of the Convention and rule 1, paragraphs 2 and 3, of the rules of procedure, the following international organizations and institutions, regional organizations, entities and non-governmental organizations attended the Meeting as observers: European Union, Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD), Implementation Support Unit (ISU) of the Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM), International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL), International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Organization of American States (OAS), United Nations Disarmament research Institute (UNIDIR), United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS), and United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA).

9. In accordance with article 11, paragraph 4, of the Convention and rule 1, paragraph 4, of the rules of procedure, the following other organizations attended the Meeting as observers: Centre de Perfectionnement aux Actions Post-Conflictuelles de Déminage et de Dépollution (CPADD), Norwegian People's Aid (NPA), Mines Advisory Group (MAG), The HALO Trust.

Work of the First Preparatory Meeting

10. The First Preparatory Meeting held one plenary meeting on 20 June 2024.

11. The Meeting considered the Provisional agenda for the Fifth Review Conference, as contained in APLC/CONF/2024/PM.1/2, the organization of the Fifth Review Conference and its Provisional programme of work, as contained in APLC/CONF/2024/PM.1/3, as well as the designations of Vice Presidents of the Fifth Review Conference.

12. The Meeting considered the Concept note on the Fifth Review Conference Substantive Documents, the Road to the Fifth Review Conference, submitted by the President, as contained in APLC/CONF/2019/PM.1/6, as well as a paper on Matters to consider in developing the Siem Reap – Angkor Action Plan, as contained in APLC/CONF/2024/PM.1/5, and Reflections on the Convention's Meeting Programme and Machinery, as contained in APLC/CONF/2024/PM.1/4, both submitted by the President. States Parties and observers exchanged views and provided input for the development of these documents. The President expressed his appreciation for the constructive suggestions that would assist in further developing and strengthening the draft documents for consideration by the Fifth Review Conference.

13. The Meeting received updates from the host country, Cambodia, on logistical and administrative matters. The Meeting expressed its satisfaction with the state of preparations.

14. The Meeting considered the status of the assessed contributions to the Fifth Review Conference. The Meeting noted with concern the financial situation due to late payment and arrears of assessed contributions and underlined the importance of ensuring full compliance with Article 14 obligations.

15. The Meeting received an update from the Coordinator of the Sponsorship Programme. The Meeting noted that ensuring broad and diverse participation in the Fifth Review Conference was in the interest of all and that hearing from all States Parties on the implementation of the Convention is critical. The Coordinator of the Sponsorship Programme appealed to States Parties to continue providing voluntary contributions to the Sponsorship Programme.

Decisions and recommendations

16. The Meeting took note of the Concept note on the Fifth Review Conference Substantive Documents, the Road to the Fifth Review Conference (APLC/CONF/2019/PM.1/6), the Matters to consider in developing the Siem Reap – Angkor Action Plan (APLC/CONF/2024/PM.1/5), and the Reflections on the Convention’s Meeting Programme and Machinery (APLC/CONF/2024/PM.1/4) and expressed general satisfaction that its content would provide useful direction to the on-going efforts to develop the review of the general status and operation of the Convention, an Siem Reap – Angkor Action Plan covering the five-year period following the Fifth Review Conference, and a political declaration.

17. The Meeting took note of the thematic discussions held on 19 June 2024 to inform and provide impetus towards the development of the Siem Reap – Angkor Action Plan.

18. The Meeting considered and approved the Provisional agenda for the Fifth Review Conference, as contained in document APLC/CONF/2024/PM.1/2, as well as the Provisional programme of work, as contained in APLC/CONF/2024/PM.1/3 and recommended them for adoption by the Fifth Review Conference. The Meeting also confirmed the Rules of Procedure, as contained in APLC/CONF/2009/3 and recommended them for adoption by the Fifth Review Conference.

19. The Meeting recommended that, in keeping with the practice used previously in formal meetings, the outgoing members of the Convention’s Committees should serve as Vice Presidents of the Fifth Review Conference, namely: Algeria, Colombia, Japan, Norway, Slovenia, South Africa, Sweden, and Zambia.

20. In the context of considering the financial status of assessed contributions to the Fifth Review Conference, the Meeting called upon the States Parties and States not party participating in the meetings of the States Parties to the Convention to ensure prompt and full payment of their respective assessed contributions and strict compliance with their obligations pursuant to Article 14 of the Convention.

21. The Meeting noted the need for States Parties in a position to do so to contribute to the Sponsorship Programme in 2024 in order to ensure the broadest possible participation in the Fourth Review Conference.

Documentation

22. A list of documents of the First Preparatory Meeting is contained in the annex to this report. These documents are available through the United Nations Official Documents System (<http://documents.un.org>).

Adoption of the Procedural Report of the First Preparatory Meeting

23. The Meeting adopted its draft procedural report, as contained in document APLC/CONF/2024/PM.1/CRP.1, as orally amended.

Annex

List of documents

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
APLC/CONF/2024/PM.1/1	Provisional Agenda. Submitted by the President
APLC/CONF/2024/PM.1/2	Provisional Agenda for the Fifth Review Conference. Submitted by the President
APLC/CONF/2024/PM.1/3	Provisional programme of work for the Fifth Review Conference. Submitted by the President
APLC/CONF/2024/PM.1/4	Reflections on the Convention's Meeting Programme and Machinery. Submitted by the President
APLC/CONF/2024/PM.1/5	Matters to consider in developing the Siem Reap – Angkor Action Plan. Submitted by the President
APLC/CONF/2024/PM.1/6	Concept note on the Fifth Review Conference Substantive Documents. The Road to the Fifth Review Conference. Submitted by the President
APLC/CONF/2024/PM.1/7	Procedural report
APLC/CONF/2024/PM.1/CRP.1	Draft procedural report. Submitted by the Secretariat
APLC/CONF/2024/PM.1/INF.1	List of participants
APLC/CONF/2024/PM.1/MISC.1	Provisional List of participants