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The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Permanent Representatives of Member States and to the Permanent Observers of non-Member States 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”.

The Fourth Review Conference of the States Parties to the Convention (26 to 29 November 2019, Oslo, Norway) decided to hold the Fifth Review Conference at the end of 2024, as contained in paragraph 34 (ii) of the Final Report of the Conference (APLC/CONF/2019/5). Pursuant to this decision, the Twenty-First Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention (20 to 24 November 2023, Geneva, Switzerland) agreed to hold the Fifth Review Conference of the States Parties in Siem Reap, Cambodia, from 25 to 29 November 2024 (APLC/MSP.21/2023/18, paragraph 59). The Meeting further decided to hold preparatory meetings in advance of the Fifth Review Conference in Geneva on 21 June and on 18 September 2024.

Furthermore, the United Nations General Assembly, in paragraph 10 of its resolution [78/45](#) of 4 December 2023:

“Requests the Secretary-General, in accordance with article 12, paragraph 1, of the Convention, to undertake the preparations necessary to convene the Fifth Review Conference of the States Parties to the Convention and, on behalf of the States parties and in accordance with article 12, paragraph 3, 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 Fifth Review Conference as observers”.

In accordance with these provisions, the Secretary-General has the honour to convene the Fifth Review Conference of the States Parties to the Convention to be held in Siem Reap, Cambodia, from **25 to 29 November 2024**. The first and the second preparatory meetings in advance of the Fifth Review Conference will take place in Geneva on 21 June and on 18 September 2024, respectively.

The Secretary-General also has the honour, on behalf of the States Parties, to invite the States not parties to the Convention, as well as the relevant international organizations or institutions and non-governmental organizations, 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 composition of delegations to the Review Conference should be submitted, by **Friday, 15 November 2024**, to the Secretariat of the Fifth Review Conference of the States Parties to the Convention, at the following address:

APLC Secretariat
Fifth Review Conference of the States Parties
United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (Geneva Branch)
Palais des Nations
1211 Geneva 10
Switzerland
E-mail: aplc@un.org

Additional information regarding the arrangements for the Conference will be communicated by the Secretariat in due course.

The Secretary-General of the United Nations avails himself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Representatives of Member States and Permanent Observers of non-Member States to the United Nations the assurances of his highest consideration.



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