

The Siem Reap - Angkor Summit On A Mine-Free World CAMBODIA A 25 to 29 November 2024

22 April 2024

Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva of the States Parties and not party to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production, and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction

Interested international and non-governmental organisations

## Re: Invitation to the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention Intersessional Meetings, 18-20 June 2024, and the First Preparatory Meeting for the Fifth Review Conference, 20 June 2024

Excellencies, dear Colleagues,

It is a great pleasure to write to you in my capacity as President of the Fifth Review Conference of the States Parties (5RC) to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction to invite you to participate in the:

## Intersessional Meetings 18-20 June 2024

## World Meteorological Organisation Building (WMO), 7bis Avenue de la Paix, 1211 Geneva, Switzerland

On this important year, celebrating 25 years since the entry into force of the Convention and preparing for the upcoming Fifth Review Conference, the *Siem Reap* – *Angkor Summit on a Mine-Free World*, the Intersessional Meetings will provide States Parties and other stakeholders the opportunity to present updates or views on progress in implementation and remaining challenges. It will also offer us an opportunity to discuss important matters related to our collective efforts to ensure a successful Fifth Review Conference.

On the afternoon of 20 June 2024, in the same location, I will host the **First Preparatory Meeting for the Fifth Review Conference**. The First Preparatory Meeting will provide an opportunity for States Parties and other stakeholders to engage in substantive discussions on the Siem Reap - Angkor Action Plan and other relevant documents. Attached we have included administrative information including on the <u>procedures for registration</u> for both the Intersessional Meetings and the First Preparatory Meeting. Due to the limited capacity of the conference venue, delegations are kindly requested to limit the size of their delegations to a maximum of three people.

Finally, as President, I am committed to an inclusive approach in all parts of our work and to a full, equal and gender-balanced participation in Convention meetings. I would therefore like to use this opportunity to encourage all States Parties and other stakeholders to keep this aspect in mind when composing their delegations and in preparing their interventions.

I count on your continued engagement in the lead-up to the Intersessional Meetings and I look forward to seeing you in person in June.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ly Thuch Senior Minister and First Vice President of the Cambodian Mine Action and Victim Assistance Authority (CMAA)

President of the Fifth Review Conference "The Siem Reap-Angkor Summit on a Mine-Free World"

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Documents for the Intersessional Meetings

- 1. Programme for the Intersessional Meetings (18-20 June)
- 2. Guidance for participants in preparing interventions at the Intersessional Meetings
- 3. Side events room request form
- 4. Administrative information (e.g. registration information) for the Intersessional Meetings and Preparatory Meeting

Documents of the First Preparatory Meeting

- 5. Agenda for the Fifth Review Conference First Preparatory Meeting
- 6. Agenda for the Fifth Review Conference
- 7. Programme of Work for the Fifth Review Conference
- 8. Concept note on the Fifth Conference substantive documents
- 9. Reflections on the Convention's Meeting Programme and Machinery
- 10. Matters to consider in developing the Siem-Reap Angkor Action Plan