

Second Meeting  
Geneva, 11-15 September 2000

**SECOND MEETING 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**

**DRAFT FINAL REPORT**

The Final Report of the Second Meeting 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 consists of two parts and five annexes as follows:

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## **PART I**

### **ORGANIZATION AND WORK OF THE SECOND MEETING**

#### **A. 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 11, paragraphs 1 and 2, that:

“The States Parties shall meet regularly in order to consider any matter with regard to the application or implementation of this Convention, including:

- (a) The operation and status of this Convention;
- (b) Matters arising from the reports submitted under the provisions of this Convention;
- (c) International cooperation and assistance in accordance with Article 6;
- (d) The development of technologies to clear anti-personnel mines;
- (e) Submissions of States Parties under Article 8; and
- (f) Decisions relating to submissions of States Parties as provided for in Article 5”; and,

Meetings subsequent to the First Meeting of the States Parties “shall be convened by the Secretary-General of the United Nations annually until the first Review Conference.”

2. At its fifty-fourth session, the General Assembly of the United Nations in resolution 54/54 B requested the Secretary-General, “in accordance with Article 11, paragraph 2, of the Convention, to undertake the preparations necessary to convene the Second Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention at Geneva, from 11 to 15 September 2000, and, on behalf of States Parties and according to Article 11, paragraph 4, 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 Meeting as observers.”

3. To prepare for the Second Meeting, the Standing Committee of Experts (SCE) on the General Status and Operation of the Convention, established by the First Meeting of the States Parties, held two meetings, to which all interested States Parties, 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 were encouraged to attend.

4. The first meeting of the SCE was held 10-11 January 2000. During the meeting, participants considered a number of issues relating to the organization of the Second Meeting, including a draft provisional agenda, a draft programme of work, draft rules of procedure and provisional estimated costs for convening the Second Meeting. No objections were raised in connection with the proposals made with respect to the draft rules of procedure, provisional estimated costs and the venue for the Second Meeting, and it was agreed that they, along with all other conference documents with the exception of reports submitted under Article 7 of the Convention, would be finalized in all six languages of the Convention to be put before the Second Meeting. It was also agreed that the record of work of the five Standing Committees of Experts would be communicated to the Second Meeting in the form of a five-page report prepared by each Committee.

5. The second meeting of the SCE was held 29-30 May 2000. During the meeting, no objections were made with respect to the draft provisional agenda and draft programme of work, and it was agreed that they would be put before the Second Meeting. In addition, no objections were made with respect to five-page SCE reports serving as the basis for discussion during the informal consultations to be held at the Second Meeting under agenda item 15 (with the exception of the report of the SCE on the General Status and Operation of the Convention, which would serve as the basis for discussion under agenda item 11).

6. Between the First Meeting and the Second Meeting, the Standing Committees of Experts received considerable support from the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD). States Parties expressed their appreciation for this assistance and the GICHD's contribution to the successful operation of the intersessional work programme. In addition, States Parties recognized that the work of the Standing Committees of Experts benefited greatly from the active participation of relevant non-governmental, regional and international organizations. States Parties expressed their gratitude to these organizations for their substantive involvement in the intersessional work programme.

7. The opening of the Second Meeting was preceded by a ceremony at which statements were delivered by the following: Vladimir Petrovsky, Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva; Adolf Ogi, President of Switzerland; Martine Brunschwig Graf, State Councillor of the Republic and Canton of Geneva; Alain Vaissade, Mayor of the City of Geneva; Her Royal Highness, Princess Astrid of Belgium; Elizabeth Reusse Decrey, President of the Swiss Campaign Against Landmines; Sir Paul McCartney and Heather Mills. In addition, a presentation was made by 18 landmine survivors from 14 countries.

B. Organization of the Second Meeting

8. The Second Meeting was opened on 11 September 2000 by the President of the First Meeting of the States Parties, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Republic of Mozambique, Dr. Leonardo Santos Simão. The Second Meeting elected by acclamation Ambassador Steffen Kongstad of Norway as its President in accordance with rule 7 of the draft rules of procedure.

9. At the opening session, a message addressed to the Second Meeting by the Secretary-General of the United Nations was read by the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva, and statements were made by Jakob Kellenberger, President

of the International Committee of the Red Cross, and Ms. Jody Williams, Ambassador for the International Campaign to Ban Landmines.

10. At its first plenary meeting, on 11 September 2000, the Second Meeting adopted its agenda as contained in document APLC/MSP.2/2000/L.1. On the same occasion, the Second Meeting adopted its rules of procedure as contained in document APLC/MSP.2/2000/L.3, the estimated costs for convening the Second Meeting as contained in document APLC/MSP.2/2000/L.4, and its programme of work as contained in document APLC/MSP.2/2000/L.2.

11. Also at its first plenary meeting, representatives from Cambodia, Canada, France, Hungary, Mali, Mexico, Mozambique, South Africa, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom were elected by acclamation as Vice-Presidents of the Second Meeting in accordance with rule 7 of the rules of procedure.

12. The Meeting unanimously confirmed the nomination of Ambassador Christian Faessler of Switzerland as the Secretary-General of the Meeting.

C. Participation and Credentials in the Second Meeting

13. [...]States Parties participated in the Meeting: *[list of participating States Parties to be inserted]*.

14. [...] States that ratified the Convention, but for which the Convention had not yet entered into force, participated in the Meeting as observers, in accordance with Article 11, paragraph 4, of the Convention and rule 1, paragraph 1, second sentence, of the rules of procedure of the Meeting: *[This list may include: Colombia, Cote d'Ivoire, Dominican Republic, Ghana, Mauritania, Nauru, Rwanda and Seychelles.]*

15. A further [...] States not parties to the Convention participated in the Meeting as observers, in accordance with Article 11, paragraph 4, of the Convention and rule 1, paragraph 1, second sentence, of the Rules of Procedure of the Meeting: *[list of participating States that have not ratified or acceded to the Convention to be inserted.]*

16. Credentials issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or by a person authorized by one of the above, as required by rule 4 of the rules of procedure of the Meeting, or credentials in the form of photocopies or facsimiles of such a document, or credentials in the form of information concerning the appointment of representatives to the Meeting received in the form of letters or notes verbales or facsimiles thereof from embassies, permanent missions to the United Nations or other intergovernmental organizations or other government offices or authorities, were received from all [...] States mentioned in paragraphs 13 to 15 above.

17. The Meeting accepted the credentials of the representatives of all of the States mentioned in paragraphs 13 to 15 above.

18. In accordance with Article 11, paragraph 4, of the Convention and rule 1, paragraphs 2, 3 and 4, of the rules of procedure, the following international organizations and institutions, regional organizations, entities and non-governmental organizations attended the Meeting as observers: *[list to be inserted]*

19. A list of all delegations to the Second Meeting is contained in document APLC/MSP.2/2000/INF... .

D. Work of the Second Meeting

20. The Second Meeting held five plenary meetings from 11 September 2000 to 15 September 2000.

21. The first three plenary meetings were devoted to the general exchange of views under agenda item 10. [...] delegations to the Second Meeting made statements in the general exchange of views.

22. At the fourth plenary meeting, on 13 September 2000, the Meeting reviewed the general status and operation of the Convention, expressing satisfaction that [105] States have formally accepted the obligations of the Convention, that [21] States Parties have completed destruction of stockpiled anti-personnel mines and a further [24] States Parties are in the process of stockpile destruction, that the new international norm established by the Convention is taking hold as demonstrated by the behaviour of many States not parties to the Convention, and that approximately US\$250 million has been allocated by donors over the past year to address the global landmine problem. The Meeting also expressed satisfaction that efforts to implement the Convention are making a difference, with considerable areas of mined land having been cleared over the past year, with casualty rates having been reduced in several of the world's most mine-affected States, and with more and better efforts being undertaken to assist landmine victims.

23. As part of the above-mentioned review, the Meeting reviewed the work of the Standing Committee of Experts on the General Status and Operation of the Convention, as recorded in its report contained in annex IV, and focused its attention on actions recommended by the Committee.

24. At the fourth plenary meeting, on 13 September 2000, the Meeting considered the submission of requests under Article 5 of the Convention. The President notified the Meeting that he had not been informed that any State wished to make such a request at the Second Meeting. The Meeting took note of this.

25. At the same plenary, the Meeting considered the submission of requests under Article 8 of the Convention. The President notified the Meeting that he had not been informed that any State wished to make such a request at the Second Meeting. The Meeting took note of this.

26. In addition to the plenary meetings, the Meeting held informal consultations on international cooperation and assistance in accordance with Article 6 on the following topics: mine clearance; victim assistance, socio-economic reintegration and mine awareness; the destruction of stockpiled anti-personnel mines; and the development of technologies for mine action. These consultations involved a review of the work of the relevant Standing Committees of Experts, as recorded in their reports contained in annex IV, with a focus on the actions recommended by the Committees.

E. Decisions and recommendations

27. At its fourth plenary meeting, on 13 September 2000, the Meeting considered matters arising from and in the context of reports to be submitted under Article 7, including consideration of an amendment to the reporting format. The amendment to the format was adopted and is contained in annex III to this report. In addition, the Meeting reviewed the technical ways and means of circulating reports as adopted at the First Meeting, without making any changes to these, with the exception of encouraging States Parties to submit reports electronically and, when submitting an annual update, to highlight changes in relation to earlier reports.

28. Further to the recommendations made by the Standing Committee of Experts on the General Status and Operation of the Convention, the Meeting recognized the continuing importance of the intersessional work programme and, at its fourth plenary meeting on 13 September 2000, agreed that the second intersessional work programme would be adjusted according to the President's paper, which is contained in annex II. Further consultations



identified the following States Parties as the Committee Co-Chairs and Rapporteurs until the end of the Third Meeting of the States Parties:

- Mine Clearance and Related Technologies: Netherlands and Peru (Co-Chairs); Germany and Yemen (Rapporteurs);
- Victim Assistance, Socio-Economic Reintegration and Mine Awareness: Japan and Nicaragua (Co-Chairs); Canada and Honduras (Rapporteurs);
- Stockpile Destruction: Malaysia and Slovakia (Co-Chairs); Australia and Croatia (Rapporteurs);
- General Status and Operation of the Convention: Belgium and Zimbabwe (Co-Chairs); Norway and Thailand (Rapporteurs).

29. States Parties recognized that the work of the Standing Committees would require a high degree of coordination between the Co-Chairs to ensure that their work would facilitate the successful implementation of the Convention. In this context the States Parties recommended the establishment of a Coordinating Committee of Co-Chairs, which would meet on an ad hoc basis under the chairmanship of the current President of the Meeting of the States Parties. This Committee would serve to coordinate matters relating to and flowing from the work of the Standing Committees with the work of the Meetings of the States Parties. As appropriate, the Committee could call upon any relevant party to assist in its work, including past Presidents, past Co-Chairs, and representatives of other States Parties and organizations.

30. The Meeting also noted the work undertaken by interested States Parties to establish a sponsorship programme to ensure more widespread representation at meetings of the Convention.

31. States Parties endorsed, and expressed satisfaction with, the work of the Standing Committees of Experts, warmly welcoming the reports of the Standing Committees of

Experts, as contained in annex IV. The Meeting was in general agreement with the recommendations made by the Standing Committees of Experts and urged States Parties and all other relevant parties, where appropriate, to act with urgency on these recommendations.

32. At its fifth plenary meeting, on 15 September 2000, the Meeting agreed that the Third Meeting of the States Parties would be held on [...] September 2001 in Managua, Nicaragua.

33. At the same plenary, the Meeting adopted the Declaration of the Second Meeting of the States Parties, which is contained in Part II of this report. In addition, the Meeting warmly welcomed the President's Action Programme, contained in annex V, as a practical means of facilitating implementation of the Convention in accordance with the recommendations made by the Standing Committees of Experts.

F. Documentation

34. A list of documents of the Second Meeting is contained in annex I to this report.

G. Adoption of the Final Report and conclusion of the Second Meeting

35. At its fifth and final plenary meeting on 15 September 2000, the Meeting adopted its draft Final Report, contained in document APLC/MSP.2/2000/L.8.

## **PART II**

### **DECLARATION OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE STATES PARTIES**

1. We, the States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction, along with other States, international organizations and institutions and non-governmental organizations, are gathered in Geneva, Switzerland to reaffirm our unwavering commitment both to the total eradication of anti-personnel mines and to addressing the insidious and inhumane effects of these weapons.
2. We celebrate the ongoing growth in support for the Convention and our satisfaction with the general status and operation of it: over 100 States have formally accepted the obligations of the Convention; over 20 States Parties have completed destruction of stockpiled anti-personnel mines and a further 24 States Parties are in the process of destroying stockpiles; the new international norm established by the Convention is taking hold as demonstrated by the behaviour of many States not party to the Convention; and approximately US\$250 million has allocated by donors over the past year to address the global landmine problem.
3. We recognize that much work remains. However, we are pleased that our efforts are making a difference: considerable areas of mined land have been cleared over the past year; casualty rates have been reduced in several of the world's most mine-affected States; and more and better efforts are being undertaken to assist landmine victims.
4. While we celebrate the success of the Convention, we remain deeply concerned that anti-personnel mines continue to kill, maim and threaten the lives of countless innocent people each day; that the terror of mines prevents individuals from reclaiming their lives; and that the

lasting impact of these weapons denies communities the opportunity to rebuild long after conflicts have ended.

5. We deplore the continued use of anti-personnel mines. Such acts are contrary to the aims of the Convention and exacerbate the humanitarian problems already caused by the use of these weapons. We call upon all those who continue to use anti-personnel mines, as well as those who develop, produce, otherwise acquire, stockpile, retain and transfer these weapons, to cease now and to join us in the task of eradicating these weapons.

6. We implore those States that have declared their commitment to the object and purpose of the Convention and that continue to use anti-personnel mines to recognize that this is a clear violation of their solemn commitment. We call upon all States concerned to respect their commitments.

7. We celebrate this Second Meeting of the States Parties. But we recognize that achieving the promise of this unique and important humanitarian instrument rests in continuing to be tireless in our efforts to end the use of anti-personnel mines, to eradicate stockpiles, to cease development, production and transfers of these weapons, to clear mined areas in order to free land from its deadly bondage, to assist victims to reclaim their lives and to prevent new victims.

8. We also recognize that these are common tasks for humanity and therefore call upon all governments and people everywhere to join us in this effort. We call upon those in a position to do so to provide technical and financial assistance to meet the enormous challenges of mine action, and, whenever relevant, to integrate these efforts into development planning and programming. We call upon those States that have not formally accepted the obligations of the Convention to ratify or accede to it promptly. We call upon all States that are in the

process of formally accepting the obligations of the Convention to apply provisionally the terms of the Convention. And we call upon one another as States Parties to effectively implement the Convention and to comply fully with its provisions.

9. We reiterate that, as a community dedicated to seeing an end to the use of anti-personnel mines, our assistance and cooperation will flow primarily to those who have foresworn the use of these weapons forever through adherence to and implementation of the Convention.

10. While we realize that our task is huge, we warmly welcome the substantial progress that has been made during the Convention's intersessional work programme and the accomplishments of this programme's Standing Committees of Experts.

11. We recall that the intersessional work programme was established at the First Meeting of the States Parties to focus and advance the international community's mine action efforts and to measure progress made in achieving its objectives. We express our satisfaction that the Convention's intersessional programme has lived up to this promise, has assisted in developing a global picture of priorities consistent with the obligations and time-frames contained within the Convention, and has been undertaken in a manner consistent with the Convention's tradition of inclusivity, partnership, dialogue, openness and practical cooperation.

12. We acknowledge that the progress made during the intersessional work programme was significantly enhanced by the substantive participation of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines and other relevant non-governmental organizations, and by regional and international organizations, including the International Committee of the Red Cross. We express our gratitude to these organizations for their important contributions and we thank the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining for its support of the first intersessional work programme and its commitment to continuing to support future intersessional work.

13. Building upon the accomplishments of the intersessional work programme, including increased participation in the work of the Convention by mine-affected States, we call upon all interested parties to continue to participate in the work of the Convention's Standing Committees between now and the next Meeting of the States Parties, which will take place [...] September 2001 in Managua, Nicaragua.

14. In reflecting upon our progress and accomplishments, and in considering the work that lies ahead, we reconfirm our conviction to make anti-personnel mines objects of the past, our obligation to assist those who have fallen victim to this terror, and our shared responsibility to the memories of those whose lives have been lost as a result of the use of these weapons, including those killed as a result of their dedication to helping others by clearing mined areas or providing humanitarian assistance.

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