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To: The Permanent Missions to the United Nations of the States Parties to the Convention

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Interested non-governmental and international organizations

Excellencies, dear friends,

In my capacity of President of the Sixteenth Meeting of the States Parties of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction, it is my pleasure to invite you to participate in the Convention's 2017 intersessional meetings as follows:

**Intersessional meetings**  
**8-9 June 2017**  
**World Meteorological Organisation Building**  
**Avenue de la Paix 7bis, Geneva**

These meetings will take place approximately half-way between the Convention's 2014 Third Review Conference and the Fourth Review Conference in 2019. As such, they provide us with an opportunity to take stock of the application of the *Maputo Action Plan 2014-2019*. Therefore it will be important to hear from States Parties that are in the process of implementing key provisions of the Convention, as highlighted in the attached programme, sharing particular challenges they have encountered in meeting the aims of the *Maputo Action Plan* and the objectives that they still intend to meet in time for the Fourth Review Conference considering the observations drawn by the Committees.

In addition to the regular work of the Committees, we will have a short thematic discussion on meeting our 2025 aspirations. During this interactive thematic discussion a particular focus will be placed on the views of operators including their challenges and possible areas of improvement. Moreover, in this session States in a position to provide assistance, affected countries and organizations are invited to share their views on key aspects to consider in their efforts to meet our common 2025 aspirations.

Together with the four Committees of the Convention we have prepared a two day programme that emphasises the importance of participation by States Parties that are in the process of clearing mined areas, destroying stockpiled anti-personnel mines, assisting survivors or implementing other key aspects of the Convention. With a programme of two days, it is important that we get down to

work the morning of 8 June, focusing on key aspects of implementation at that time and throughout the two days.

I would therefore ask that you register for the June meetings on-line at [www.apminebanconvention.org](http://www.apminebanconvention.org) by **31 May 2017**.

Should you have any questions about the programme or if you wish to indicate in advance your intention to intervene on particular items, please contact the Implementation Support Unit ([isu@apminebanconvention.org](mailto:isu@apminebanconvention.org)). In addition, as you proceed to prepare for the June meetings, I wish to kindly remind delegations of our commitment to implementing the Convention in consideration of gender and diversity matters, for example, as found in the introduction of the *Maputo Action Plan*. States and international and non-governmental organisations may wish to consider such action points both in terms of the composition of their delegations and in preparing updates to deliver during various meetings.

I look forward to seeing you in June.

Yours sincerely,



Ambassador Thomas Hajnoczi  
President of the Sixteenth Meeting of the States Parties