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Geneva, 18 – 22 September 2006  
Item [6] of the draft provisional agenda  
**[Adoption of the budget]**

ESTIMATED COSTS FOR CONVENING THE SEVENTH 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

Note by the Secretariat

1. The General Assembly, in paragraph 8 of its resolution 60/80 of 8 December 2005, requested the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in accordance with Article 11 (2) of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction, *inter alia*, to undertake the preparations necessary to convene the next meeting of the States Parties, pending a decision to be taken at the Sixth Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention. The Sixth Meeting of the States Parties held at Zagreb from 28 November to 2 December 2005, decided, as stipulated in paragraph 28 of the Final Report of the Meeting (APLC/MSP.6/2005/5), that the Seventh Meeting of the States Parties shall be convened at the United Nations facilities in Geneva, from 18 to 22 September 2006.
  2. This document is submitted pursuant to the above-mentioned request and provides estimated costs in the amount of US\$426,500 for conference and non-conference servicing of the Meeting. A breakdown of the costs is provided in the attached table. It should be noted that the costs are estimated on the basis of past experience and anticipated workload. The actual costs will be determined after the closing of the Meeting when the exact workload is known. At that time, any adjustments in contributions by the participants sharing the costs will be made accordingly.
  3. With regard to the financial arrangements, it will be recalled that, in accordance with article 14 (1) of the Convention, “the costs... 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”.
  4. Since preparations for the Seventh Meeting of the States Parties will involve costs that will need to be defrayed beforehand, and as holding the meeting shall have no financial implications for the regular budget of the United Nations, the Secretariat will prepare and issue assessment notices as soon as the States Parties have accepted the attached estimated costs in accordance with the established practice.
  5. The States Parties should proceed with the payment of their assessed share of the estimated costs as soon as the assessment notices have been received.
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**Title of session: SEVENTH MEETING OF STATES PARTIES TO THE MINE-BAN CONVENTION (APLC)**  
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| Conference-servicing items                  | Meeting Servicing<br>\$ | Pre-session documentation<br>\$ | In-session documentation<br>\$ | Summary records<br>\$ | Post-session documentation<br>\$ | Support Services requirements<br>\$ | Other requirements<br>\$ | Total<br>\$    |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| Interpretation and meeting servicing (a)    | 85'000                  |                                 |                                |                       |                                  |                                     |                          | 85'000         |
| Translation, reproduction, distribution (b) |                         | 151'300                         | 37'100                         |                       | 140'000                          |                                     |                          | 328'400        |
| Support Services requirements (c)           |                         |                                 |                                |                       |                                  | 5'100                               |                          | 5'100          |
| Other requirements (d)                      |                         |                                 |                                |                       |                                  |                                     | 8'000                    | 8'000          |
| <b>Total</b>                                | <b>85'000</b>           | <b>151'300</b>                  | <b>37'100</b>                  |                       | <b>140'000</b>                   | <b>5'100</b>                        | <b>8'000</b>             | <b>426'500</b> |

\* - at US\$1=CHF 1.27

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| A. Total conference-servicing requirements (inclusive of 13% programme support costs) | 426'500               |
| B. Other costs:   | -                     |
| <b>Grand total (rounded) A+B</b>  | <b><u>426'500</u></b> |

**Notes:**

- (a) 20 interpreters, 1 conference officer and 3 meeting room attendants
- (b) estimated 110 pages (pre-session); 22 pages (in-session); and 110 pages (post-session) official documentation
- (c) 2 sound technicians, 1 messenger