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To: The Permanent Missions to the United Nations 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

Interested non-governmental and international organizations

RE: The Fifth Annual Pledging Conference for the Implementation of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention, Tuesday, 25 February, 13:00-15:00, Palais des Nations, Room XI

Excellencies, dear friends,

It is a great honour for Sudan to have been designated President of the Eighteenth 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* following the Fourth Review Conference. It is a particular honour, given the importance of this year as we embark on the implementation of the Oslo Action Plan which we adopted in November of 2019 to guide our efforts in implementing the Convention to the fullest extent possible by 2025.

An important part of this effort is to ensure that the mechanisms that we have established to support the implementation of the Convention continue to count on the support of the States Parties. Annual Pledging Conferences play a key role in ensuring that States in a position to contribute to the Implementation Support Unit (ISU) can announce their pledges of support to the ISU and the Convention's Sponsorship Programme early in the year. As the ISU functions on voluntary funding, pledges of support provide the ISU with predictability concerning contributions for the current year which allows it to carry out its tasks.

With this said, I cordially invite you to join me during the:

**Fifth Annual Pledging Conference
for the Implementation of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention
Tuesday, 25 February, 13:00-15:00, Palais des Nations, Room XI
(Light lunch will be served at 12:30)**

Enclosed you will find an agenda as well as background information to support your preparations for the Pledging Conference. You will also find an appeal for contributions to the Sponsorship programme. I would also encourage you to consider making a contribution to the ISU and the Convention's Sponsorship Programme ahead of the Pledging Conference and have included the bank information attached.

President of the Eighteenth Meeting of the States Parties
c/o AP Mine Ban Convention Implementation Support Unit

Furthermore, as you may have recalled, the dates for the Convention's 2020 Intersessional Meetings announced at the Oslo Review Conference were subject to change due to conflicting disarmament meetings. In this regard, I also take the opportunity to enclose a calendar of key dates for 2020 meetings including the dates for the 2020 Intersessional Meetings.

I would be grateful if you could confirm your participation and indicate if you would like to take the floor by sending an email to ISU at isu@apminebanconvention.org no later than **18 February 2020**.

I look forward to your active participation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Osman Abufatima Adam Mohammed', written in a cursive style.

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President of the Eighteenth Meeting of the States Parties