

FIRST REVIEW CONFERENCE 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

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ESTIMATED COSTS FOR CONVENING THE FIRST REVIEW CONFERENCE
OF THE STATES PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION
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Note by the Secretariat

1. The General Assembly, in paragraph 8 of its resolution 58/53 of 8 December 2003, requested the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in accordance with article 12, paragraph 1, of the Convention, to undertake the preparations necessary to convene the First Review Conference of the States Parties to the Convention at Nairobi from 29 November to 3 December 2004.
2. This document is submitted pursuant to the above-mentioned request and the discussions during the First Preparatory Meeting held on 13 February 2004. It provides estimated costs in the amount of US\$ 435,100 for conference and non-conference servicing of the Conference. A breakdown of these 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 Conference 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 Conference will involve costs that will need to be defrayed beforehand, and as the holding the First Review Conference of the States Parties 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 Second Preparatory Meeting has 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 assessments notices have been received.