
Second Preparatory Meeting
Geneva, 28-29 June 2004
Item 10 of the agenda

PROCEDURAL REPORT OF THE SECOND PREPARATORY MEETING

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 12, paragraph 1 that “A Review Conference shall be convened by the Secretary General of the United Nations five years after the entry into force of the Convention.”
2. The Second Preparatory Meeting was held pursuant to the decisions of the Fifth Meeting of the States Parties. At the Fifth Meeting of the States Parties, the States Parties agreed to hold the Convention’s First Review Conference at the United Nations facilities in Nairobi from 29 November to 3 December 2004 and to hold preparatory meetings in United Nations facilities in Geneva on 13 February and 28-29 June 2004. In addition, the meeting agreed to designate Ambassador Wolfgang Petritsch of Austria as the President of the First Review Conference, to request that Kenya designate a Secretary-General of the Review Conference, to accept the estimated costs prepared by the United Nations for convening the preparatory meetings and to proceed with a preparatory process in a manner consistent with the elements contained in the report of the President of the Fourth Meeting (APLC/MSP.5/2003/5, Annex II). Finally, the meeting urged participation at the highest possible level in a high-level segment to be held at the end of the First Review Conference.

Organization of the Second Preparatory Meeting

3. The Second Preparatory Meeting was opened on 28 June 2004 by Ambassador Wolfgang Petritsch of Austria, President-designate of the First Review Conference. In opening the meeting, the President-designate reiterated his conviction for a transparent and inclusive preparatory process. In this regard, he thanked the Friends of the President, current and past Standing Committee Co-Chairs and other actors that had assisted him in preparing documents for consideration at the Second Preparatory Meeting. With respect to these documents, the President-designate recalled that the First Preparatory Meeting took note of his desire that after the Second Preparatory Meeting the States Parties would have given him a clear sense of what should be contained in the draft Review

Conference documentation in order that he could provide as soon as possible drafts for review by the States Parties.

4. At its first plenary meeting on 28 June 2004, the Second Preparatory Meeting adopted its agenda as contained in document APLC/CONF/2004/PM.2/1 which is annexed to this report as Annex I. On the same occasion, the President-designate informed the Preparatory Meeting that he would proceed on the basis of the rules of procedure used at the most recent Meeting of the States Parties.

Participation in the Second Preparatory Meeting

5. 94 States Parties participated in the Meeting: Afghanistan, Albania, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Canada, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, El Salvador, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Holy See, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Lithuania, Madagascar, Malaysia, Malawi, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Mozambique, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Senegal, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Thailand, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

6. 1 State that had ratified or acceded to the Convention, but for which the Convention had not yet entered into force, participated in the Meeting as an observer: Estonia

7. 4 Signatories that have not ratified the Convention participated in the Meeting as observers: Brunei Darussalam, Ethiopia, Indonesia and Poland.

8. A further 12 States not parties to the Convention participated in the Meeting as observers: Bhutan, China, Egypt, Finland, Iraq, Israel, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Mongolia, Morocco and Oman.

9. The following international organizations and institutions, regional organizations, entities and non-governmental organizations attended the Meeting as observers: ACP Group, European Commission, Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD), International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL), International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), International Peace Research Institute, International Peace Research Institute, League of Arab States, Organization of American States (OAS), Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC), United Nations Department for Disarmament Affairs (DDA), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR), United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS).

10. A provisional and a final list of all delegations to the Second Preparatory Meeting are contained in documents APLC/CONF/2004/PM.1/Misc.1 and APLC/CONF/2004/PM.2/INF.1, respectively.

Work of the Second Preparatory Meeting

11. The Second Preparatory Meeting held 4 plenary meetings on 28 and 29 June 2004.

12. The Meeting revised recommendations with respect to a provisional agenda, provisional programme of work, cost estimates, draft rules of procedure and vice-presidents for the First Review Conference.

13. The Meeting considered two draft documents prepared by the President-designate: *Draft review of the operation and status of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Antipersonnel Mines and on Their Destruction: 1999-2004* as contained in document APLC/CONF/2004/PM.2/L.5, and, *Ending the suffering caused by antipersonnel mines: Draft Nairobi Action Plan 2005-2009* as contained in document APLC/CONF/2004/PM.2/L.6. In addition, the Meeting discussed possible conclusions related to the implementation of the Convention. States parties and others provided concrete and focused input on these matters to the President-designate in order to assist him in preparing more advanced versions of documents. In addition, the Meeting took note of the President-designate's request that interested delegations provide to him any additional comments in writing by 15 July 2004.

14. The Meeting considered a draft document entitled *Nature, timing and sequencing of post-2004 Meetings of the States Parties and related matters*, as contained in document APLC/CONF/2004/PM.2/L.7/Amend.1. States Parties and others provided comments on this paper in order to assist the preparation of a more advanced document which could serve as the basis for decisions at the Review Conference. Additional comments on the question of further meetings are expected by 15 July 2004.

15. The Meeting welcomed the offer made by Croatia to host the Sixth Meeting of the States Parties.

16. States Parties and others provided input to the President-designate on a draft high level declaration, affirming that such a declaration should be powerful, concise and memorable.

17. The Meeting took note of the President-designate's intention to convene a one-day informal meeting in Geneva on 24 September 2004 and the President-designate's desire that at that meeting the States Parties would be able to indicate their informal agreement to as much of the draft Review Conference documentation as possible. The Meeting also took note of the commitment made by the President-designate to ensure the distribution of draft documents well in advance of the 24 September 2004 informal meeting.

18. The Meeting received updates from the host country Kenya on logistical and administrative matters and from the Secretariat on organizational matters in relationship to the First Review Conference.

Decisions and recommendations

19. The Meeting recommended for adoption at the First Review Conference the revised provisional agenda, revised provisional programme of work, revised draft rules of procedure, and revised estimated costs as contained in documents APLC/CONF/2004/PM.2/L.1, APLC/CONF/2004/PM.2/L.2, APLC/CONF/2004/PM.2/L.3 as orally amended to take into account the recommendation that there will be nine vice-presidents, and APLC/CONF/2004/PM.2/L.4. In addition, the Meeting took note of the President-designate's intentions regarding how to best operationalize the agenda and programme.

20. The Meeting recommended that, in keeping with the practice that has served the States Parties well at their annual meetings, the Co-Chairs of the four Standing Committees should serve as vice-presidents for the Review Conference, namely: Australia, Cambodia, Croatia, Guatemala, Italy, Japan, Mexico and the Netherlands. In addition, given that the Review Conference takes place in Africa and that the current complement of co-chairs does not include an African State Party, it was recommended that one additional vice-president be nominated at the Review Conference.

Documentation

21. A list of documents of the Second Preparatory Meeting is contained in Annex II to this report. These documents are available through the United Nations Official Documents System (<http://www.ods.unog.ch>).

Adoption of the Procedural Report of the Second Preparatory Meeting

22. The Meeting adopted its Draft Procedural Report, contained in document APLC/CONF/2004/PM.2/CRP.1 as orally amended, which is being issued as document APLC/CONF/2004/PM.2/2.

Annex I

AGENDA

As adopted at the first plenary meeting on 28 June 2004

1. Opening of the Second Preparatory Meeting
2. Adoption of the agenda for the Second Preparatory Meeting
3. Recommendation on provisional agenda for the First Review Conference
4. Recommendation on provisional programme of work for the First Review Conference
5. Recommendation on draft rules of procedure for the First Review Conference
6. Recommendation of Vice-Presidents of the First Review Conference
7. Recommendation on estimated costs for convening the First Review Conference
8. Informal consultations
 - (a) on preparations pertaining to a review of the status and operation of the Convention and on a 2005-2009 action plan
 - (b) on future Meetings of the States Parties and related matters
 - (c) on a high level declaration
 - (d) on the adoption, if necessary, of conclusions related to the implementation of the Convention
 - (e) on logistical and administrative matters
9. Other matters.
10. Consideration and adoption of the procedural report of the Second Preparatory Meeting

Annex II**LIST OF DOCUMENTS OF THE SECOND PREPARATORY MEETING
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Symbol	Title
APLC/CONF/2004/PM.2/1	Provisional Agenda Prepared by the President-designate
APLC/CONF/2004/PM.2/2	Procedural Report of the Second Preparatory Meeting
APLC/CONF/2004/PM.2/WP.1	Comments on the information provided by the President on preparations pertaining to a review of the status and operation of the Convention and on a 2005-2009 action plan Document prepared by France
APLC/CONF/2004/PM.2/L.1	Recommendation on provisional agenda for the First Review Conference
APLC/CONF/2004/PM.2/L.2	Recommendation on a provisional programme of work for the First Review Conference
APLC/CONF/2004/PM.2/L.3	Recommendation on draft rules of procedure for the First Review Conference to be held in Nairobi on 29 November to 3 December 2004
APLC/CONF/2004/PM.2/L.4	Recommendation on estimated costs for convening the 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 Note by the Secretariat
APLC/CONF/2004/PM.2/L.5	Draft review of the operation and status of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction: 1999-2004
APLC/CONF/2004/PM.2/L.6	Ending the suffering caused by antipersonnel mines: Draft Nairobi Action Plan 2005-2009

APLC/CONF/2004/PM.2/L.7	Nature, Timing and Sequencing of Post-2004 Meetings of the States Parties and Related Matters
APLC/CONF/2004/PM.2/L.7/Amend.1	Nature, Timing and Sequencing of Post-2004 Meetings of the States Parties and Related Matters Prepared by Germany, Malaysia and the President-Designate
APLC/CONF/2004/PM.2/CRP.1	Draft Procedural Report of the Second Preparatory Meeting
APLC/CONF/2004/PM.2/Misc.1	Provisional List of Participants
APLC/CONF/2004/PM.2/INF.1	List of Participants

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