



Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer
of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction

PRESIDENT-DESIGNATE OF THE FIRST REVIEW CONFERENCE

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To: The Permanent Missions to
the United Nations in Geneva
and New York of the States
Parties to the Convention

CC: Interested international and
non-governmental
organizations

Dear colleagues and friends,

In a letter that I sent to you on 10 October I indicated that an efficient preparation and organization of our work leading to the First Review Conference is important. In addition, to facilitate discussions on how this could be achieved, I distributed to you a *food-for-thought* paper containing some initial reflections.

I am pleased that representatives of several States Parties have provided informal comments to me on this paper. Many of you have indicated your concurrence with taking steps to simplify preparations, to provide direction without prejudicing outcomes, and to engage a wide range of actors in the process. To elaborate on my suggestions for preparing and organizing our work, and to hear further views on the way ahead, it is my pleasure to invite you to an informal meeting as follows:

Monday 1 December
15:00
Palais des Nations, Room XVI

I look forward to seeing you on 1 December. However, should you have questions or comments before that date, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

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