



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

PRESIDENT-DESIGNATE

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

CC: The Permanent Missions to
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the States not parties to the
Convention

Interested international and non-
governmental organizations

Dear colleagues and friends,

At the 28-29 June 2004 Second Preparatory meeting I promised to provide you with revised draft documents for the First Review Conference well in advance of a 24 September informal meeting. Thanks to the concrete input provided at the Preparatory Meeting and the sizeable response to my appeal for further written input, with the dedicated support of my Friends of the President-Designate I am pleased to inform you that today I forwarded to the Executive Secretary, Mr. Enrique Roman-Morey, for formatting, translation and distribution to you the following documents:

- *Draft Review of the Operation and Status of the Convention: 1999-2004*
- *Ending the suffering caused by antipersonnel mines: Draft Nairobi Action Plan 2005-2009*
- *Draft programme of meetings and related matters to facilitate implementation, 2005-2009*
- *Towards a Mine-Free World: The 2004 Nairobi Declaration*

It no doubt will take some time for the UN to format these documents before distribution. From your perspective, however, it probably is the content not the formatting that matters the most. Therefore, to allow delegations more than three weeks to review this content before the 24 September informal meeting it is my pleasure to provide you with unofficial versions of the documents in question.

As the States Parties noted in June it is my hope that at the upcoming informal meeting you will indicate to me your informal agreement on as much of the draft documents as possible in order that we can narrow down to a small number the remaining outstanding matters. I would therefore be most grateful if you would actively participate in this meeting, which will take place as follows:

**Informal meeting to prepare for the Nairobi Summit on Mine-Free World
Friday 24 September 10:00 - 13:00, and if necessary, 15:00-18:00
Palais des Nations, Room XVIII**

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Please feel free to contact me should you require further information about this meeting or if you would like to discuss any matter pertaining to the substantive preparations for the First Review Conference – the Nairobi Summit on a Mine-Free World.

Sincerely yours,



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