

**Third 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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**Draft
Procedural report**

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” and that “further Review Conferences shall be convened by the Secretary-General of the United Nations if so requested by one or more States Parties, provided that the interval between Review Conferences shall in no case be less than five years.”
2. The 2009 Second Review Conference agreed that the Third Review Conference will take place at the end of 2014, as stipulated in the Final Report of the Conference (APLC/CONF/2009/9, paragraph 29 (ii)).
3. The Thirteenth Meeting of the States Parties decided to hold the Third Review Conference in Maputo, Mozambique from 23 to 27 June 2014 and to hold preparatory meetings in advance of the Third Review Conference in Geneva on 6 December 2013 and on 10 April 2014. Furthermore, the Thirteenth Meeting agreed to designate His Excellency, Mr Henrique Banze, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Mozambique, President of the Third Review Conference.

Organization of the First Preparatory Meeting

4. The First Preparatory Meeting was opened on 6 December 2013 by His Excellency, Mr Henrique Banze, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Mozambique, President-designate of the Third Review Conference.
5. At its first plenary meeting on 6 December 2013, the First Preparatory Meeting adopted its agenda as contained in document APLC/CONF/20.... In addition, the Meeting designated the following States Parties as Vice-Presidents of the Third Review Conference: Belgium, Costa Rica, Japan, Indonesia, Poland, New Zealand, Austria, Ecuador and Norway.

Participation in the First Preparatory Meeting

6. The following States Parties participated in the Meeting: Afghanistan, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burundi, Cambodia, Canada, Chad, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gambia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Holy See, Honduras, Hungary, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Montenegro, Mozambique, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Palau, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Rwanda, Senegal, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, South Sudan, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Yemen, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

7. The following delegations participated in the Meeting as observers, in accordance with article 11, paragraph 4, of the Convention and rule 1, paragraph 1, of the rules of procedure of the Meeting: China, Cuba, Egypt, India, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Myanmar, Oman, Palestine, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, and United States of America.

8. In accordance with article 11, paragraph 4, of the Convention and rule 1, paragraphs 2 and 3, of the Rules of Procedure, the following international organizations and institutions, regional organizations, entities and non-governmental organizations attended the Meeting as observers: European Union, Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD), International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL), International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, League of Arab States, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), Organization of American States (OAS), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS), United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA), and United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS).

9. In accordance with article 11, paragraph 4, of the Convention and rule 1, paragraph 4, of the rules of procedure, the following other organizations attended the Meeting as observers: Association Internationale des Soldats de la Paix (AISP), Center for International Stabilization and Recovery, Cranfield University, The HALO Trust, International Trust Fund – Enhancing Human Security (ITF), and Swiss Foundation for Mine Action (FSD).

Work of the First Preparatory Meeting

10. The First Preparatory Meeting held two plenary meetings on 6 December 2013.

11. The Meeting considered a draft agenda, provisional programme of work and cost estimates for the Third Review Conference, as well as the designations of Vice Presidents of the Third Review Conference.

12. The Meeting took note of the appointment by the Secretary General of the United Nations of Mr. Peter Kolarov of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs, Geneva Branch, as provisional Executive Secretary of the Third Review Conference. In addition, the President-designate informed the Meeting that in keeping with past practice he had asked Mr Kerry Brinkert, Director of the Implementation Support Unit, to serve as the President's Executive Coordinator.

13. The Meeting considered discussion papers prepared by the President-designate on Elements for a Political Declaration, as contained in ... , Preparing the Review of the Operation and Status of the Convention 2010-2014, as contained in ..., Elements for the consideration of the Plan of Action 2015-2019, as contained in ..., and Elements for the

consideration of the post-Third Review Conference Programme of Meetings – 2014-2019 Working Programme, as contained in ..., as well as a discussion paper on Transparency, Exchange of information, Reporting and the Maputo Review Conference, submitted by Belgium, as contained in APLC/CONF/20.... States parties and observers provided input on these documents. The President-designate expressed his appreciation for the constructive suggestions that would assist him in further developing and strengthening the draft documents for consideration by the Third Review Conference.

14. The Meeting also received updates from the host country, Mozambique, on logistical and administrative matters. The Meeting expressed its satisfaction with the state of preparations, taking note in particular

15. The Meeting took note of the appeal for high level participation at the Third Review Conference.

Decisions and recommendations

16. The Meeting took note of the papers submitted in preparation for the Third Review Conference and expressed general satisfaction that their contents would provide useful direction to the on-going efforts to develop the review of the general status and operation of the Convention, an action plan covering the period following the Third Review Conference, and a high level declaration, as well as on a future meeting programme..

17. The Meeting adopted cost estimates for the Third Review Conference and its Second Preparatory Meeting, as contained in document APLC/....

18. The Meeting recommended that, in keeping with the practice that has served the States Parties well at their formal meetings, the Co-Chairs of the Standing Committees should serve as Vice Presidents of the Third Review Conference, namely: Belgium, Costa Rica, Japan, Indonesia, Poland, New Zealand, Austria, Ecuador and Norway.

Documentation

19. A list of documents of the First Preparatory Meeting is contained in Annex ... to this report. These documents are available through the United Nations Official Documents System (<http://documents.un.org>).

Adoption of the Procedural Report of the First Preparatory Meeting

20. The Meeting adopted its Draft Procedural Report, which is being issued as document ...

Annex
