



The Cartagena Summit on a Mine-Free World

A Shared Commitment • Cartagena / Colombia • 30 November - 4 December / 2009

17 July 2009

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

The Permanent Missions to the United Nations (Geneva) of the States not parties to the Convention

Relevant international and non-governmental organizations

Excellencies, dear friends,

Thanks to the participation of dozens of States Parties and many others before, during and after the 29 May First Preparatory Meeting in advance of the Second Review Conference of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention, we are well on our way toward a successful conference later this year. This conference, the *Cartagena Summit on a Mine-Free World*, will be one of the most important events in the life of the Convention to date.

I am grateful that at the First Preparatory Meeting, general satisfaction was expressed in response to the discussion paper I presented. This left me with clear direction regarding ongoing efforts to develop a draft review of the general status and operation of the Convention, an action plan covering the period following the Second Review Conference and a draft high level declaration.

At the First Preparatory Meeting, I stated that I would distribute this month draft documents for consideration at the **3-4 September Second Preparatory Meeting**. Thanks to your input, I have prepared the following documents to serve as the basis of discussion at this meeting:

- Draft Review of the Operation and Status of the Convention, 2005-2009
- Draft Cartagena Action Plan, 2010-2014
- Draft Decisions on Future Meetings

Please note that a draft Cartagena Declaration will be distributed at a later date.

Also enclosed you will find a draft agenda for the Second Preparatory Meeting. You will see that I am proposing that the main purpose of this meeting is to have a thorough discussion on the draft documents that I have prepared in order that these can be further enhanced before I present them as the basis for consideration at the Cartagena Summit.

I look forward to seeing you on 3-4 September at the Second Preparatory Meeting. Should you have any questions or comments before that time, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Susan Eckey
President-Designate

President-Designate of the Second Review Conference

c/o AP Mine Ban Convention Implementation Support Unit
Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining