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I. Activities of the President

1. In accordance with the President's mandate to chair the Coordinating Committee, the President chaired ten meetings of the Coordinating Committee over the course of January 2025 – November 2025, including a full day retreat held on 29 January 2025.

2. In accordance with the President's mandate to chair the Committee on Cooperative Compliance, the President chaired twelve meetings of the Committee on Cooperative Compliance and further coordinated the work of the Committee in accordance with the activities and priorities for implementation of the Committee contained in the document submitted by the Committee to the Twenty-Second Meeting of the States Parties (22MSP).

3. On 26 March 2025, the President and the Committees of the Convention hosted a workshop to remind States Parties of the importance of adhering to the deadline (30 April) to submit annual Article 7 Reports and to encourage States Parties to include detailed quantitative and qualitative information on implementation of their Article 5 commitments in line with the Guide to Reporting. The President and the Committees took the opportunity to highlight key areas of reporting on the newly adopted Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan and disseminated a check list to support the reporting efforts of the States Parties.

4. On 17-20 June 2025, the President chaired the Intersessional Meetings. In preparation for the Intersessional Meetings, the President promoted coordination among the different Committees of the Convention. The President submitted Preliminary Observations on Stockpile Destruction and the Retention of Anti-Personnel Mines in accordance with her mandate to the Intersessional Meetings.

5. In collaboration with the Coordinating Committee, the President worked closely with the President of the Fifth Review Conference (Cambodia) and the President of the Twenty-Third Meeting of the States Parties (23MSP) (Zambia) to convene informal consultations with United Nations (UN) Member States at the UN offices in Geneva and New York on a draft UN General Assembly resolution on the implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction prior to its submission.

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6. The President coordinated preparations for the 22MSP to be held in Geneva, Switzerland, on 1-5 December 2025. An informal meeting took place as part of the 22MSP preparations on 22 September 2025.

7. In line with the President's mandate to promote implementation and universalization of the Convention and its norms, including in relevant multilateral and regional fora, as well as at the national level, the President carried out the following efforts:

(a) The President convened seven meetings of the Universalization Coordination Group to share information on universalization efforts;

(b) On 2 April 2025, the President co-hosted, together with Australia, an outreach event to engage with Geneva-based Missions of Pacific Island countries on conventions related to conventional weapons. In addition to the APMBC, briefings and discussions also covered the Arms Trade Treaty, the Convention on Cluster Munitions and the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons;

(c) On 6 May 2025, the President sent a letter to States not party to the Convention to invite them to participate as observers in the Intersessional Meetings to be held from 17-20 June 2025, and to seek clarification of their position on ratifying or acceding to the Convention, and to inquire about measures implemented nationally to support the objectives of the Convention;

(d) The President met and exchanged views with representatives of States not party or States that became party this year--Lao PDR, Lebanon, the Marshall Islands, Micronesia and Tonga--in the course of the year, including during the Intersessional Meetings and on the margins of the UN General Assembly. The President continued to maintain a permanent agenda item on universalization at the Coordinating Committee meetings;

(e) On 10 October 2025, the President met with the Permanent Representative of the Marshall Islands and representatives of the Federated States of Micronesia at a Pacific Lunch held on the margins of the UN General Assembly in New York;

(f) The President continued her engagement, in the course of the year, with the Permanent Representatives of the States Parties that were considering or decided to withdraw from the Convention, and the Permanent Representative of Ukraine;

(g) The President intends to continue universalization outreach efforts including on the margins of the 22MSP.

8. In line with the President's mandate to mobilize sufficient resources to fund the operations of the Implementation Support Unit (ISU), on 12 March 2025, the President chaired the Tenth Annual Pledging Conference for the Implementation of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention. In light of the challenging financial situation of the ISU, the President sent an urgent appeal letter to all States Parties requesting to consider voluntary contributions to the ISU's 2025 Work Plan and Budget on 29 July 2025, and engaged with a number of traditional donor countries individually to encourage their contributions. The President also held an online briefing on the status of financing of the ISU on 18 November 2025.

9. In accordance with the President's mandate to take the lead on matters related to the UN assessed contributions received pursuant to Article 14 of the Convention, the President used the opportunity of the Pledging Conference, the Intersessional Meetings and Informal Meetings in preparation for the 22MSP to encourage States Parties to pay their assessed contributions as soon as possible and highlighted the continued importance of the payment of assessed contributions. The President also ensured that the matter of assessed contributions was a permanent agenda item of the Coordinating Committee meetings.

10. In accordance with the President's mandate to propose a set of new office holders for agreement by the forthcoming Meeting of the States Parties, the President sent a communication on 17 March 2025 to invite States Parties to express interest. At the 22 September 2025 Informal Preparatory Meeting for the 22MSP, the President presented the proposal to put forward to the States Parties for consideration at the 22MSP, reflecting the aim of being balanced regionally as well as between States Parties in the process of

implementing key obligations of the Convention, those in a position to provide financial or other assistance, and other States Parties.

11. In light of the decision at the Fifth Review Conference to extend the appointment of the Director of the ISU until 30 April 2027, the President, in close consultation with the President of the 23MSP, started preparations for the recruitment of a new ISU Director. On 2 September 2025, the President sent a letter to all States Parties inviting them to express their interest to serve on the Selection Panel for the recruitment of the new ISU Director. She also prepared the "Draft Decision on the selection procedure for the recruitment of a New ISU Director" and the "Vacancy announcement" to be submitted to the 22MSP for its approval.

II. Priorities for implementation

12. Promoting implementation and universalization of the Convention and its norms should remain a priority of the President. Recent experiences suggest both new opportunities and challenges to the universalization efforts. Strengthening the coordinated approach between States Parties and partners, including collaboration with regional and international organizations, is an effective way to make progress in universalization. The work of the Universalization Coordination Group is increasingly important, in particular to continue coordinating universalization activities and to ensure continuity and effective follow-up of the universalization efforts.

13. Concerning Article 4, priority needs to be given to encourage States Parties that missed Article 4 deadlines to ensure the destruction of remaining stockpiled mines as soon as possible. Concerning Article 3, priority should be given to ensuring the submission of Article 7 reports and annual review of retained mines so that they do not exceed the minimum number absolutely necessary for permitted purposes, and to raising awareness of alternatives to the use of live anti-personnel mines for training and research purposes.

14. To ensure smooth functioning of the Convention, priority should be given to ensure that sufficient funding from as many States Parties as possible is mobilized to the ISU's operation and that the assessed contributions are paid in a timely manner for the UN support to the Meetings of the States Parties in accordance with Article 14.

15. Specific time-bound priorities for the President of the 23MSP will be the implementation of Action 44 of the Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan, which envisages a decision on the feasibility of establishing a voluntary trust fund to support the affected States struggling to secure international assistance for their legal and time-bound commitments under Article 5 of the Convention by no later than the 23MSP, and the decision on the new ISU Director at the 23MSP following the implementation of the selection procedure to be decided at the 22MSP.