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The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Permanent Representatives of Member States and to the Permanent Observers of non-Member States to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction (APLC), which entered into force on 1 March 1999.

Article 11(1) of the Convention states that the "States Parties shall meet regularly in order to consider any matter with regard to the application or implementation of this Convention […]". The Fifth Review Conference of the States Parties to the Convention (Siem Reap, 25 to 29 November 2024) agreed to convene annually a Meeting of the States Parties for up to five days at the end of November or at the beginning of December.

Pursuant to Article 11(1) and the decision taken by the Fifth Review Conference, States Parties agreed to hold the Twenty-third Meeting of the States Parties in Geneva, the Swiss Confederation, during the week of 30 November to 4 December 2026.

Furthermore, the United Nations General Assembly, in paragraph 9 of its resolution 80/35 of 1 December 2025:

"Requests the Secretary-General, in accordance with Article 12, paragraph 1, of the Convention, to undertake the preparations necessary to convene the Twenty-third Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention and, on behalf of the States Parties and in accordance with Article 12, paragraph 3, of the Convention, to invite States not parties to the Convention, as well as the United Nations, other relevant international organizations or institutions, regional organizations, the International Committee of the Red Cross and relevant non-governmental organizations, to attend the Twenty-third Meeting of the States Parties as observers".

In accordance with these provisions, the Secretary-General has the honour to convene the Twenty-third Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention to be held in Geneva, Switzerland, during the week of 30 November to 4 December 2026.
The Secretary-General also has the honour, on behalf of the States Parties, to invite the States not parties to the Convention, as well as the relevant international organizations or institutions and non-governmental organizations, to participate in the Meeting as observers.

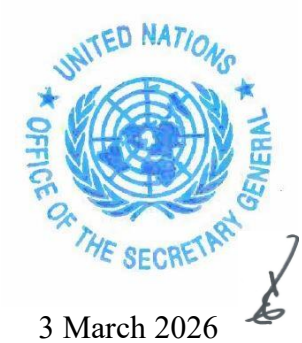
The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that Article 14, paragraph 1, of the Convention provides, inter alia, as follows:

"The costs of [...] the Meetings of the States Parties [...] shall be borne by the States Parties and States not parties to this Convention participating therein, in accordance with the United Nations scale of assessment adjusted appropriately".

The composition of delegations to the Twenty-third Meeting of States Parties should be uploaded on e-deleGATE, under the module List of Participants, by Friday, **20 November 2026**. The module will open for inscriptions as of Monday, 19 October 2026. Additional information on the arrangements for the Meeting will be communicated to Permanent Missions and to Permanent Observer Missions by the Secretariat in due course.

Operative paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 80/35, adopted by the General Assembly on 1 December 2025, also urges all States Parties to provide the Secretary-General with complete and timely information as required under Article 7 of the Convention in order to promote transparency and compliance with the Convention. This information should be directed to the Office for Disarmament Affairs at aplc@un.org no later than **30 April 2026**.

The Secretary-General of the United Nations avails himself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Representatives of Member States and to the Permanent Observers of non-Member States to the United Nations the assurances of his highest consideration.



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