Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

[on the report of the First Committee (A/65/410)]


The General Assembly,


Reaffirming its determination to put an end to the suffering and casualties caused by anti-personnel mines, which kill or injure thousands of people — women, girls, boys and men — every year, and which place people living in affected areas at risk and hinder the development of their communities,

Believing it necessary to do the utmost to contribute in an efficient and coordinated manner to facing the challenge of removing anti-personnel mines placed throughout the world and to assure their destruction,

Wishing to do the utmost in ensuring assistance for the care and rehabilitation, including the social and economic reintegration, of mine victims,

Noting with satisfaction the work undertaken to implement the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction¹ and the substantial progress made towards addressing the global anti-personnel landmine problem,

Recalling the first to ninth meetings of the States parties to the Convention, held in Maputo (1999),² Geneva (2000),³ Managua (2001),⁴ Geneva (2002),⁵

² See APLC/MSP.1/1999/1.
³ See APLC/MSP.2/2000/1.
⁴ See APLC/MSP.3/2001/1.
⁵ See APLC/MSP.4/2002/1.

Recalling also the Second Review Conference of the States Parties to the Convention, held in Cartagena, Colombia, from 30 November to 4 December 2009, 12 at which the international community reviewed the implementation of the Convention and the States parties adopted the Cartagena Declaration 13 and the Cartagena Action Plan 2010–2014 14 to support enhanced implementation and promotion of the Convention,

Noting with satisfaction that one hundred and fifty-six States have ratified or acceded to the Convention and have formally accepted the obligations of the Convention,

Emphasizing the desirability of attracting the adherence of all States to the Convention, and determined to work strenuously towards the promotion of its universalization and norms,

Noting with regret that anti-personnel mines continue to be used in some conflicts around the world, causing human suffering and impeding post-conflict development,

1. Invites all States that have not signed the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction 1 to accede to it without delay;

2. Urges all States that have signed but have not ratified the Convention to ratify it without delay;

3. Stresses the importance of the full and effective implementation of and compliance with the Convention, including through the continued implementation of the Cartagena Action Plan 2010–2014; 14

4. 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;

5. Invites all States that have not ratified the Convention or acceded to it to provide, on a voluntary basis, information to make global mine action efforts more effective;

6. Renews its call upon all States and other relevant parties to work together to promote, support and advance the care, rehabilitation and social and economic reintegration of mine victims, mine risk education programmes and the removal and destruction of anti-personnel mines placed or stockpiled throughout the world;

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6 See APLC/MSP.5/2003/5.
7 See APLC/MSP.6/2005/5.
8 See APLC/MSP.7/2006/5.
13 Ibid., part IV.
14 Ibid., part III.
7. Urges all States to remain seized of the issue at the highest political level and, where in a position to do so, to promote adherence to the Convention through bilateral, subregional, regional and multilateral contacts, outreach, seminars and other means;

8. Reiterates its invitation and encouragement to all interested States, 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 Tenth Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention, to be held in Geneva from 29 November to 3 December 2010, and to participate in the future meeting programme of the Convention;

9. Requests the Secretary-General, in accordance with article 11, paragraph 2, of the Convention, to undertake the preparations necessary to convene the Eleventh Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention, pending a decision to be taken at the Tenth Meeting of the States Parties, and on behalf of the States parties and in accordance with article 11, paragraph 4, 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 Tenth Meeting of the States Parties and future meetings as observers;

10. Decides to remain seized of the matter.

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