



**20MSP** | Twentieth Meeting of the States Parties  
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29 April 2022

To: The Permanent Missions to the United Nations 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

Excellencies, dear Colleagues,

Colombia, in its capacity as President of the Twentieth Meeting of the States Parties (20MSP), has been mandated to “propose a set of new office-holders” for agreement by the 20MSP to take place in November 2022. I am writing to you in this context to solicit interest from States Parties wishing to fill the Committee positions which need to be renewed this year.

At the 2014 Third Review Conference in Maputo, States Parties agreed to establish four Committees and, in accordance with the Maputo decisions, Committee members serve overlapping two-year terms. In this regard, half of the membership will need to be renewed every year.

In 2021, the Nineteenth Meeting of the States Parties decided on the following membership of the Committees:

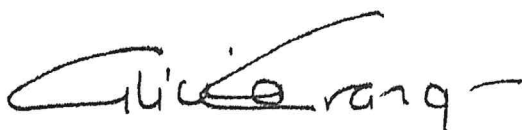
- **Committee on Article 5 Implementation:** Belgium and Sri Lanka (until the conclusion of the 20MSP), France and Iraq (until the conclusion of the Twenty First Meeting of the States Parties (21MSP));
- **Committee on Cooperative Compliance:** Chile and Spain (until the conclusion of the 20MSP), Switzerland and Turkey (until the conclusion of the 21MSP);
- **Committee on Victim Assistance:** Algeria and Ecuador (until the conclusion of the 20MSP), Italy and Uganda (until the conclusion of the 21MSP);
- **Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance:** Japan and Sudan (until the conclusion of the 20MSP), the Netherlands and Thailand (until the conclusion of the 21MSP).

In accordance with the 2014 Third Review Conference decisions, the “proposed set of office-holders shall be 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.”

In order to assist in developing a balanced proposal for new office-holders, I would kindly request interested States Parties to express their interest to me, in writing, c/o the Convention’s Implementation Support Unit at [isu@apminebanconvention.org](mailto:isu@apminebanconvention.org), by no later than **Friday, 10 June 2022**.

I would like to thank you in advance for your consideration of these matters. Please feel free to contact me for any further clarification.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alicia Arango Olmos', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**ALICIA ARANGO OLMOS**

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and other International Organizations in Geneva  
President of the Twentieth Meeting of States Parties