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1. About the nature of the Second Review Conference

It has been previously identified and we are in a discussion process about achieving the following objectives :

- To evaluate the operation and status of the Convention's application
- To renew the commitment of the States Parties with an integral action against antipersonnel mines
- To send a clear political message about the current importance of the Convention
- To highlight the universalisation goal of the Convention
- To prioritize the victims and survivors as a cornerstone of the SRC, emphasizing comprehensive action and ratification of rights.



1. About the nature of the Second Review Conference

- To assess implementation of obligations under the Convention
- To promote the issue of "national responsibility". It means the appropriation and commitment of each State against the scourge of mines
- To exchange experiences and to strength International Cooperation.
- To show the reality of the problem in countries where antipersonnel mines are still causing suffering.
- To strengthen the participation of civil society in the Conference, considering their active role in the development of the Convention
- To achieve participation at the highest possible level of States Parties

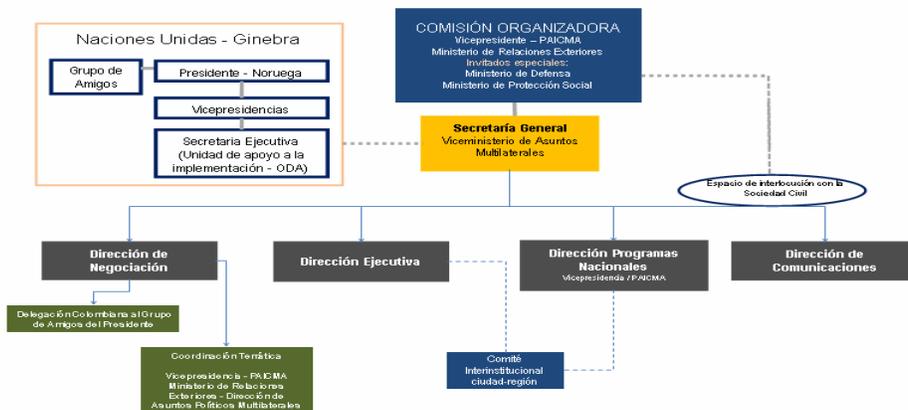


2. Logistical Aspects

- 2.1 Creation of an Inter-institutional Organization Commission
- 2.2 Work with Civil Society
- 2.3 Work with local authorities
- 2.4 Facilities
- 2.5. Visas
- 2.6. Other



Highest Authority at national level of the coordination and preparation of all aspects related to the Second Review Conference



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2.2 Work with Civil Society

Within the chart of the Inter-institutional Commission, a space with the National Civil Society has been opened to maintain a dialogue, exchange opinions and to receive contributions, to achieve a successful SCE.





2.3 Work with local authorities

- The National Government has involved local authorities (Mayor's Office of Cartagena and the Governor's Office of Bolivar) in the organization of this event
- The Police and the Army will guarantee the security of the SRC
- Cartagena will "live" and "be a part of" the SRC
- National events of promotion will be developed during the Road to Cartagena and SRC



2.4 FACILITIES

- The Convention Center "Julio César Turbay Ayala" has been reserved
 - Capacity for 3200 people
 - 6 Halls for simultaneous events
 - Approximately 12 offices
 - Space for exhibitions
 - Delegates Hall
 - Others





2.4 FACILITIES

- A Host Hotel has been chosen (Hotel Santa Teresa) and alternating hotels.
- Historical and representative places of the city have been preselected for protocol events



2.5. VISAS

- Nationals of countries that do not require visa can enter with their passport
- Nationals of countries that require visa, a Courtesy Visa will be issued.
- The Courtesy Visa can be issued at any Colombian Consulate
- The Colombian Government will assure the entrance to the country of delegates and everyone duly registered to be part of the SRC



2.6. OTHERS

- Colombia will distribute soon a Delegates Manual with logistical information about the event
- An official Web page will be launched as well
- Colombia will schedule, within the framework of the SRC, a Field Visit to share national progress in mine-clearance and victims and survivors assistance



3. CARTAGENA

Access:

- Direct flights: 38 per week (Through Panama, the United States and Venezuela)
- Connections via Bogota: 318 weekly flights
- Connections via Barranquilla: 135 weekly flights





3. CARTAGENA

- **Events Centers:**

- 3 Convention centers for events with capacity for 3200, 2300 and 650 people



- **Hotels:**

- 1600 five stars rooms
- 800 four stars rooms
- 30 Boutique Hotels



4. ADVANCES IN “THE ROAD TO CARTAGENA”

- World-wide launching event of the Second Review Conference: Geneva, New York and Bogota (March 2 2009)
- Invitations to participate at the highest possible political level in the SRC will be sent soon by the President of the Republic of Colombia, H.E. Alvaro Uribe Vélez
- A chronogram of the activities to the *Road to Cartagena*





5. COLOMBIA: PROGRESS IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE OTTAWA CONVENTION

On February 16th 2009, the National Council of Economic and Social Policy (CONPES), main instance of the Colombian Government for planning, approved the Document "Policy for Comprehensive Action against Antipersonnel Mines, Unexploded Explosive Ordnance and Improvised Explosive Devices", as public policy.

Objectives:

- Effectively coordinate the action against mines at national, regional and local levels
- Strengthen the institutional capacity to contain the contamination of the territory
- Promote the capacity of the communities to manage properly the risk by antipersonnel mines
- To assure reparation, integral rehabilitation and socioeconomic inclusion of antipersonnel mine victims



CONCLUSIONS

- *Road to Cartagena*: It is a process that involves all the States Parties, International Organizations and Civil Society
- Colombia reiterates to all States Parties, the invitation to participate in the SRC at the highest political level
- We count on your support, ideas and suggestions to achieve a successful event.



Thank you