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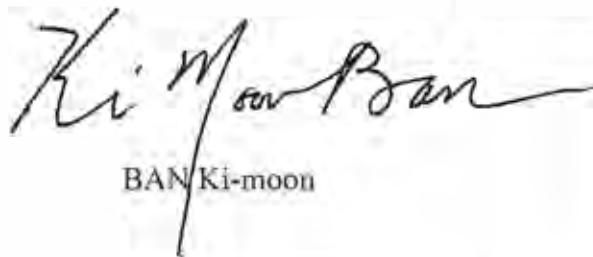
1 July 2009

Excellency,

I would like to thank you for your letter of 3 March 2009, in which you extended to me an invitation to take part in the High Level Segment of the Second Review Conference 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, which will take place in Cartagena de Indias on 3 and 4 December 2009.

I appreciate the hosting of this important meeting by Colombia, as well as your country's commitment to implementing the Convention. Unfortunately, owing to scheduling reasons, I have to inform you that I will not be able to personally attend. However, in view of the importance of this gathering, I have asked Mr. Sergio de Queiroz Duarte, my High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, to represent me.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.


BAN Ki-moon

His Excellency
Mr. Álvaro Uribe Vélez
President of the Republic
of Colombia
Bogota



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1 July 2009

Excellency,

The Secretary-General would be grateful if you could forward the attached letter to His Excellency Mr. Álvaro Uribe Vélez, President of the Republic of Colombia.

A copy of the letter is enclosed for your information.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Vijay Nambiar".

Vijay Nambiar
Chef de Cabinet

Her Excellency
Ms. Claudia Blum
Permanent Representative of Colombia
to the United Nations
New York

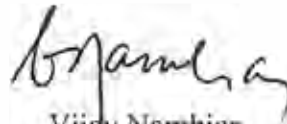
Note to Mr. Duarte

Cartagena Summit

I thank you for agreeing to represent the Secretary-General at the High Level Segment of the Second Review Conference of the State Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction, which will take place in Cartagena de Indias on 3 and 4 December 2009.


Please find attached the relevant correspondence.

Best regards.


Vijay Nambiar
1 July 2009

Ioan Tudor/NY/UNO
12/05/2009 12:54 PM

To Sebastien Lawson/NY/UNO@UNHQ
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bcc
Subject Re: FOR ADVICE PLSE: High Level Segment of the Second Review Conference of the State Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines, Cartagena, 3-4 Dec 2009

History:  This message has been replied to and forwarded.

Dear Sebastien,

The Policy Committee considered last January an updated policy paper on non-proliferation and disarmament. Among others, the policy paper included a recommendation (formulated in consultation with the EOSG) that the Secretary-General consider participation the high-level segment of the Second Review Conference of the State Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines (APMBC) to be held in Cartagena.

As the Second Review Conference represents an important opportunity for high level advocacy efforts regarding universalization of, and compliance with the APMBC, ODA maintains its recommendation for Secretary-General's participation. Should the Secretary-General be unavailable, the alternative recommendation, which we also maintain, was to send a video message.

Please note that Mr. Duarte was also invited by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Colombia and intends to attend the high-level segment of the conference. Mr. Duarte would be happy to represent the Secretary-General at the conference in case he does not attend.

Best regards,
Ioan

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I attach an invitation from President Uribe Velez of Colombia for SG to attend the High Level Segment of the Second Review Conference of the State Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines to be held on 3-4 Dec 2009 in Cartagena. ODA's comments and advice will be much appreciated.
Thank you.

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For Follow Up:  Low Priority

Dear Sebastien,

Many thanks for copying me in your message to Ioan Tudor of ODA regarding the invitation to the UNSG from the High-Level Segment of the Second Review Conference of the Antipersonnel Mine Ban Convention (APMBC).

As you know, UNMAS within OROLSI/DPKO is the focal point for UN mine action, which is informed among other international law by the APMBC.

UNMAS views is that the UNSG should consider a positive response to the invitation sent by the President of Government of Colombia. The Second Review Conference is not just another Meeting of States Parties to the APMBC. Review Conferences take place every five years and only if States Parties decide to convene one. Therefore the Cartagena Conference is a good opportunity for the international community, including the UN, to recall its commitments for a world free of the threats posed by landmines and explosive remnants of war.

Also the Review Conference (more specifically the 3rd of December) will coincide with the anniversary of the Signature of the APMBC (3December), as well as with the Convention on Cluster Munitions only last year. It also coincides with the International Day on Disability. It is also important to remind that most of the new victims of antipersonnel mines are from Colombia. The presence of the UN Secretary-General in Colombia during those days could also be seemed as a support to all those good causes.

In case the Secretary-General is unable to attend, we suggest requesting the participation of the DSG on his behalf. Another options to be considered could be USG DPKO (Mr. LeRoy), who is the head of the United Nations Mine Action Team at Principals Level, or Mr, Duarte, High Representative for Disarmament Affairs.

I hope you find this information useful.

Best regards,

Gustavo

Gustavo Laurie/United Nations

----- Forwarded by Gustavo Laurie/United Nations on 07/05/2009 11:05 AM -----

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Álvaro Uribe Velez
President of the Republic of Colombia



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March 3, 2009, Bogotá D.C.

Your Excellency,

I have the honor of addressing Your Excellency with the purpose of extending to you a most cordial invitation to participate in the High Level Segment of the Second Review Conference of the State Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction (Ottawa Convention), which will take place in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, on the 3 and 4 of December, 2009.

Ten years after the entry into force of the Convention, the *Cartagena Summit* is an opportunity to highlight the work made by the State Parties in compliance of the objectives agreed upon, evaluate the progress achieved and review the challenges we face, while renewing our commitment to a comprehensive action against anti personnel mines.

The hundreds of victims these weapons keep generating each year remind us that this is a current problem of great magnitude, highlighting as well the imperative of focusing our efforts on the well being and restitution of survivors' rights.

Colombia considers that the Second Review Conference must strengthen international commitment to strive for the clearance of all anti personnel mines, call to all actors not to plant a single anti personnel mine, generate actions towards the recovery, by the communities, of the thousands of hectares they had to abandon, reinforce the progress made in comprehensive attention to victims and risk education with the purpose of avoiding new innocent victims, and strengthen international cooperation as a fundamental element for the implementation of the Convention.

His Excellency
Mr. BAN KI-MOON
Secretary General to the United Nations
New York

The participation of Your Excellency in the *Cartagena Summit* is of particular importance. Your presence will reiterate, at the highest level, the political support of your country to the Convention. I consider that, as State Parties, we have an obligation to send a strong message to the international community: we want a mine-free world, we want the women, men, girls and boys of our countries to stop living in fear and suffering the irreversible consequences of anti personnel mines.

Reiterating the commitment of Colombia with the implementation of the Convention, I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you the assurances of my highest and most distinguished consideration.

SIGNED

Alvaro Uribe Vélez
Presidente de la República de Colombia



Bogotá, D.C., marzo 3 de 2009

Excelencia:

Tengo el honor de dirigirme a Vuestra Excelencia con ocasión de extenderle la más cordial invitación para participar en el segmento de alto nivel de la Segunda Conferencia de Examen de los Estados Parte de la Convención sobre la Prohibición del Empleo, Almacenamiento, Producción y Transferencia de Minas Antipersonal y sobre su Destrucción -Convención de Ottawa-, que se llevará a cabo en Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, los días 3 y 4 de diciembre de 2009.

Diez años después de la entrada en vigor de la Convención, *la Cumbre de Cartagena* es una oportunidad para resaltar el trabajo realizado por los Estados Parte en cumplimiento de los objetivos acordados, evaluar el camino recorrido y revisar los desafíos que enfrentamos, renovando nuestro compromiso con una acción integral contra las minas antipersonal.

Los cientos de víctimas que siguen cobrando anualmente estas armas nos reiteran la magnitud y vigencia de este flagelo, a la vez que nos señalan el imperativo de enfocar nuestros esfuerzos en el bienestar y restitución de los derechos de los sobrevivientes.

Colombia considera que esta Segunda Conferencia de Examen debe reforzar el compromiso internacional de remoción total de las minas antipersonal; hacer un llamado para que no se siembre una sola mina antipersonal más por parte de ningún actor; procurar acciones para la recuperación por parte de las comunidades de miles de hectáreas que han tenido que abandonar; reforzar los avances en la atención integral a las víctimas y en la educación en el riesgo, con miras a evitar que nuevos inocentes sean afectados; y fortalecer la cooperación internacional, como elemento fundamental para la aplicación de la Convención.

A Su Excelencia
el señor **BAN KI-MOON**
Secretario General de la Organización de las Naciones Unidas
Nueva York

Alvaro Uribe Vélez
Presidente de la República de Colombia

La participación de Vuestra Excelencia en la *Cumbre de Cartagena* es de especial importancia. Su presencia reiterará, al más alto nivel, el apoyo político de su país con la Convención. Considero que los Estados Parte tenemos la obligación de enviar a la comunidad internacional un mensaje contundente: queremos un mundo libre del flagelo de las minas antipersonal; queremos que mujeres, hombres, niñas y niños de nuestros países, no vivan más en el miedo o sufran las consecuencias irreversibles de la acción de las minas antipersonal.

Reiterando el compromiso de Colombia con la aplicación de la Convención, hago propicia la oportunidad para expresar a Vuestra Excelencia las seguridades de mi más alta y distinguida consideración.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to be 'Uribe Vélez', is written over a faint rectangular stamp. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.



Mission of Colombia to the United Nations

No. 609-A

The Permanent Mission of Colombia to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Executive Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to enclose **a note by H.E. Mr. Alvaro Uribe Velez, President of the Republic of Colombia**, addressed to **H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-Moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations**.

The Permanent Mission of Colombia would very much appreciate if the Executive Office of the Secretary-General kindly conveys the aforementioned note, together with its courtesy translation, to its distinguished addressee.

The Permanent Mission of Colombia to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Executive Office of the Secretary-General the assurances of its highest consideration.



New York, April 21st, 2009

To the
**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE
UNITED NATIONS**
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