



**European Union**

**EU Statement**

**Preparatory Meeting for the Fourth Review Conference  
Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention  
Geneva, 24 May 2019**

Mr President,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the European Union and its Member States. The Candidate Countries Turkey, North Macedonia\*, Montenegro\*, Serbia\* and Albania\*, the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova align themselves with this statement.

The EU welcomes the Norwegian Presidency of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention. We express our full support for your efforts, Mr. President, to achieve a successful outcome at the Fourth Review Conference to be held in Oslo from 25 to 29 November 2019.

The EU considers that the upcoming Review Conference provides an opportunity to review progress, reaffirm commitments and generate a push for further universalisation and strengthened implementation of the legal obligations under this important Convention. The EU believes that the Review Conference should encourage an open and constructive dialogue between States Parties and involve all relevant stakeholders to discuss current and future challenges, and how to accelerate progress towards achieving our shared goal of a world free of anti-personnel mines by 2025.

The EU welcomes the proposal by the Norwegian Presidency to work towards three consensus outcome documents: (1) a Review of the Operation and Status of the Convention for the period of 2015-2019, (2) an Oslo Action Plan on implementation and universalization in the period of 2020-2024, and (3) a Political Declaration. The EU welcomes the concept note on the run-up to the Fourth Review Conference submitted by the Presidency on 2 April 2019.

The Council of the EU is in the process of preparing conclusions to define an EU Position on the desired outcome of the Review Conference, which will be shared with the Presidency and the States Parties in due course. When adopted, this will reflect the position of EU Member States.

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\* North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Albania continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.

Ahead of the Review Conference, we expect all States Parties to meet their financial obligations under the Convention in full and on time.

Thank you, Mr. President