



**Statement of the Netherlands**  
**under Agenda Item 8 of the**  
**First Preparatory Meeting**  
**for the Fourth Review Conference**  
**2019 Intersessionals meetings of the**  
**Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention**

Thank you Mr President,

We would like to thank you for giving us the floor.

We would like to state our expression of interest for the presidency of the 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting of States Parties, in 2021.

The Netherlands has been a great supporter of this Convention and its core objective to ban anti-personnel mines and rid the world of them to reduce humanitarian suffering. The Convention has proven itself an effective multilateral normative framework in contributing to its objective. As such, it shows the importance of multilateralism and the power of collective cooperative efforts. Furthermore, it contributes to the achievement of broader multilateral objectives, such as the Sustainable Development Goals and the UN Secretary-General's Disarmament Agenda. Both multilateralism and the linking of multilateral objectives are close to the Netherlands' heart. As such, we would like to state our expression of interest for the presidency of the 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting of States Parties.

We value your support in this endeavour and we hope that this issue could be considered formally at the Fourth Review Conference, so that we can start preparations early.

Thank you Chair.