

Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction

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Recommitment Austria Statement

Mr. President,

Allow me at the outset thank Norway for their generous hospitality and warmly congratulate our President and his able team, for the excellent manner in which you have prepared and steered the work of this Review Conference. Austria commends the leadership of the Norwegian presidency and fully endorses its priorities. You have taken far reaching initiatives on mine risk awareness and gender far reaching initiatives. You even succeeded in shortening our speeches. Therefore Austria co-signed the working paper introduced by the Finish Foreign Minister.

I solemnly renew Austria's full commitment to the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention. Every day its impressive accomplishments make a difference on the ground, but we still have to make an energetic end spurt towards 2025 and beyond, since victim assistance will effectively remain a priority for decades.

Austria has been fully engaged since the drafting process and continued to contribute the effective implementation ever since by taking up responsibilities within the Convention's machinery as Presidency of the First Review Conference and the 16th Meeting of States Parties, and in Committees. On the ground, in the spirit of cooperation and assistance we have contributed to victim assistance, mine clearance and mine risk education, and increased our mine action support substantially this year.

We consider it important to annually submit the required Article 7 reports. Documents and measuring progress helps all of us, not least mine affected countries.

Mr. President,

It is an honour to pledge Austria's our full commitment also for the future today. The Oslo Action Plan will be an excellent basis to guide the Convention's implementation during the next five years. As challenges remain and evolve as it is the case with mines of an improvised nature, it becomes all the more necessary that our Convention's community works closely together to achieve even better results on the ground. We owe it to the victims and survivors.