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Delegation of the Republic of Indonesia

at

Fourth Review Conference of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction

Renewing the political commitment to the Convention

Oslo, 25-29 November 2019
Mr. President,

Excellencies and Distinguished Delegates,

Since the adoption of the Convention in 1997, tremendous progress has been achieved; 164 States are Parties to the Convention, more than 50 million destroyed landmines, many successful mine clearance operations conducted all over the world, a significant slowing of landmine production and trade, as well as an increased focus on the rights of survivors. It is beyond reasonable doubts that mankind has a better place to live since the entry into force of the Convention.

Nevertheless, our work is far from done; challenges still remain ahead. More than 50 States and other areas were still believed to be contaminated by antipersonnel mines, and obstacles yet exists on integrating mine victim assistance into respective national plan, policies and programs.

Mr. President,

Indonesia became part of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction, or the Ottawa Convention, through its ratification under our national Law Number 20, Year 2006. We are committed to never again to stockpile and use Anti-Personnel Mines for our national defence purposes.

As a country who played an active role in the early stages of the negotiation of the Convention and one of the first signatory states to the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention, Indonesia uphold its commitment, through various and sustainable efforts, within the national, regional and international framework. As one of the largest contributing countries for peacekeeping operation under the United Nation, Indonesia continues to advance trainings and education in neutralizing landmines, which are essential to increase their skills in eradicating the severity of landmine's impact.

Within the regional framework, Indonesia is one of the founding-father of ASEAN Regional Mine Action Centre or ARMAC, established in 2016, which serves as center of excellence to assist its member states in research, knowledge and raising awareness on the effect of explosive remnants of war, including landmines, as well as collectively handle humanitarian aspect of landmines and other remnants of war based on experience sharing, skill training, and capacity building activities.

Indonesia looks forward to contributing more in the international framework. We stand ready to participating and engaging more on the efforts to promote and strengthen the Convention, especially on the universalization within our region, and advancing cooperation and assistance.
Mr. President,

Mine free world can only be achieved with strong commitments. Indonesia subscribes to the Maputo Declaration and Maputo Action Plan with clear time bound and rest assured, that Indonesia will spare no efforts to contribute in the implementation of the future Oslo Declaration and Oslo Action Plan, which we are about to adopt at the end of this Conference. We truly hope that these documents will serve as a guidance to further implement the Convention. States parties should remain committed to improve and continue its assistance and maintain its broad cooperation with all partners to achieve our common goal of a mine free world.

To conclude, Mr. President, Indonesia firmly renewed its commitment, not only political, but in a comprehensive manner. We stand ready to work with all States Parties, civil societies, all relevant stakeholders to achieve a world without anti personnel landmines.

I thank you, Mr. President.