

## Statement on Renewing the Political Commitment to the Convention

### Agenda Item 6

#### (Check Against Delivery)

Thank you Mr President,

MAG aligns itself with the statements made by the International Campaign to Ban Landmines, of which my organisation is – and remains – a proud founding member.

Mr President,

What a week, and what a year. On behalf of all in MAG, I congratulate you and the Royal Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs on a job – another job – well done. I also thank you for the way you have worked with my global team and other NGOs to harness our collective experience, knowledge and ideas. We are truly stronger when we work in a genuine spirit of partnership. That has been the foundation of this Convention from the start and it remains a solid foundation today.

We are about to leave Oslo with a comprehensive and fair review our progress since Maputo and an ambitious yet realistic Oslo Action Plan that can be measured. The plan that has been developed during the course of the year finally brings gender out of the side rooms and into the plenary. It makes a new commitment to improve our information management, bring life-saving risk education to the fore and tackle new contamination from landmines of an anti-personnel improvised nature within the framework of this Convention.

We will also leave with a political commitment that represents the intent of a community that has embodied determination and ambition from its origins. A community that has never taken no for an answer, and a community that has always been united in its humanity. We remain a community standing in solidarity with all those affected by landmines.

So, on behalf of MAG, I join you in recommitting to everything this Convention has stood for since its origins, as well as the commitments you make today. As we leave Oslo, let's hold ourselves and each other to account.

In doing so, we also recommit to remaining relevant to new challenges and the evolving complexities of conflict. And we recommit to strengthened partnerships, holding ourselves and each other to account and challenging – and overcoming – the obstacles to a landmine free 2025. Transparency, honesty and measurability are the only way forward.

Mt President, distinguished delegates, friends,

This is really just another beginning. This community will be judged by deeds not words. We will be judged not just the promises made, but those fulfilled. This will need bravery and an approach that takes the strengths of our work so far and harnesses new opportunities and ideas. If we are truly bold and remain true to our values, then we will have every chance of success.

I thank you.

**ENDS**