



Statement of the Netherlands
under agenda item 6 on the
Political Commitment to the Convention
Fourth Review Conference of the
Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention

Thank you Mister President,

We would like to thank you and your team for all the hard work you have put into organizing this Review Conference and the successful outcome that comes as a result of it.

In addition to the statement delivered by the EU, the Netherlands would like to make some additional remarks in its national capacity.

As we have done since the inception of the Ottawa treaty, we will continue supporting the objectives of the Convention and remain committed to the ambition and aspiration of a mine free world by 2025. This commitment takes its form in our full backing of the Oslo Political Declaration.

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However, the Netherlands would also like to urge the international community to think beyond 2025. Although we remain fully committed to the ambition and aspiration of meeting the goal of a mine free world to the fullest extent possible in 2025, we also acknowledge that work will still need to be done after this goal. Victims will live past 2025 and will still need the assistance they so desperately deserve. States not a party to the Convention and non-state actors are still using

the indiscriminate weapon of an anti-personnel landmine as we speak, and we need to be ready to deal with this, even if it takes us beyond 2025. Furthermore, certain States Parties may not be in a position to clear their land by 2025, as their extension requests indicate. In this light, we urge all of you to also focus on what is needed after 2025.

Let me conclude by stating that the Netherlands is fully committed in achieving a successful outcome of the Review Conference and working toward a world free of anti-personnel mines. In the next year, we remain at everyone's disposal for effective coordination during our preparation for the Presidency of the 19 MSP.

Thank you Mister President.