

Item 6

STATEMENT BY ROMANIA

at

The Fourth Review Conference of the States Parties to the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention (Oslo, 25-29 November 2019)

Mr. President,

Distinguished delegates,

It is a pleasure to address to you today and to convey, on behalf of Romania, our appreciation for organizing of this important Conference, outstandingly chaired by President Hans Brattskar, aiming to further the agenda and enhance the vision of a world without mines.

Romania strongly supports these objectives and expresses its hope that the Fourth Review Conference will reaffirm our shared commitment for a world free of the effects of anti-personnel mines.

It is a timely opportunity to agree on clear, concrete plans and commitments, as well as on realistic sets of activities to ensure further progress in the next phase (2019-2024) of the implementation of the Convention's provisions and objectives, taking into account both its accomplishments and the new challenges.

While the global community has rallied as ever before for a world free of anti-personnel mines, a lot of work needs to be done.

There have been major achievements over the last years but let us not become complacent as major challenges remain in achieving the vision of a Mine Free World.

In this context, we warmly welcome the Oslo Action Plan and the Oslo Declaration, as important means to revitalize the efforts to further achieve universalization, provide leadership and resources to clear mined areas, destroy stockpiles and to provide concrete and sustainable assistance to anti-personnel mine victims, their families and communities.

You can count on Romania's full engagement in the efforts to achieve our common goals.

Thank you.