



General Statement by Turkey

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Thank you, Mr President,

Taking this opportunity, once again I would like to thank and commend Norway for the successful organization and execution of this Conference. Obviously, it has been another important land mark in the history of the Convention. Our thanks also go to the Implementation Support Unit for their tireless efforts.

Mr President, distinguished delegates,

Ottawa Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction is the cornerstone of the international efforts to end the suffering and casualties caused by anti-personnel mines. It has a noble humanitarian goal, which should be honoured by all.

With this understanding, we support all possible efforts in the direction to universalize the Convention. Taking this opportunity, we would like to call on other States which are not yet party to the Convention to join this unique instrument of the international disarmament fora at the earliest opportunity.

Mr President,

I would like to reiterate that Turkey is taking its commitments to the Convention very seriously and determined to fulfil them all. We are cognizant of the fact that fulfilling these commitments is not an easy task. Nevertheless, efforts of my country have notably gained momentum in recent years. We will spare no effort to accomplish our goals.

That being said, on behalf of my authorities, herewith I would like to renew my country's full commitment to the Convention and its obligations emerging from the Convention.

Thank you, Mr President.