



**Statement by
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**

Universalization

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Mr. President,

Excellencies and Distinguished Delegates,

Since this is the first time my delegation took the floor, allow me to join in congratulating your presidency for the year and to the Government of Norway for hosting this 4th Review Conference of Anti Personnel Mine Ban Convention. Rest assured that Indonesia will continue to provide its full support and cooperation towards the success of your leadership. I would also like to thank the Secretariat for its excellent work on the preparation of this Review Conference.

Mr. President,

More than twenty years have passed since the adoption of the Convention in 1997. Yet, the assurance to put an end to the suffering and casualties caused by anti-personnel mines has not been in place as there are still 33 states not party to the Convention. Combined, six of these States, may hold tens of millions of stockpiled antipersonnel mines. Some States not party to the Convention have made new use of anti-personnel mines, and further, some armed non-state actors continue to use, stockpile, and produce anti-personnel mines.

In this light, Indonesia gives highest appreciation to you, Mr. President, for your continuous engagements to those states, encouraging them to accede to the Convention and inviting them to take concrete measures to support the objective of the Convention.

Indonesia also gives appreciation to those states for their involvement in many meetings of the Convention. Despite becoming non-parties due to various considerations, those states still acknowledge and support, to various degrees, the humanitarian goals of the Convention and highlight the grave consequences of the use of anti-personnel mines.

Mr. President,

Indonesia highlights the importance of regional initiatives in supporting the objectives of the Convention. One of them is the ASEAN Regional Mine Action Centre or ARMAC. ARMAC was established by ASEAN countries in September 2016, which serves as center of excellence to assist any ASEAN 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 will continue to render its support to the Centre, as well as other regional and international initiatives.

To conclude, **Mr. President**, with your continuous efforts, good involvement of the states not party, as well as the existence of many regional initiatives, Indonesia is optimistic that the universalization of the Convention will continue to strengthened in the future. Until that time, Indonesia stands ready to work along side other state parties towards the promotion of the Convention universalization in all relevant fora.

I thank you Mr. President.