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**FOURTH REVIEW CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON THE
PROHIBITION OF THE USE, STOCKPILING, PRODUCTION AND TRANSFER OF ANTI-PERSONNEL
MINES AND ON THEIR DESTRUCTION**

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Statement under Item 7(e)i) Cooperation and Assistance

Mr. President,

Germany would like to commend the work of the Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance for their valuable work.

We would also like to renew our commitment to international cooperation as an essential tool to realize our shared ambition of a world free of landmines by 2025.

This year, we have updated our national strategy on Humanitarian Mine Action. The new strategy reflects the changes that have taken place both within the sector itself and with regard to the increase in global demand for support in mine action. We maintain a focus on acute humanitarian crises to reduce the impact to the safety, health and lives of the civilian population and on countries where we, the international community, need to intensify our joint efforts in order to “finish the job”.

Bosnia Herzegovina and Germany have just formed a Country Coalition in order to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the efforts of all actors involved in Mine Action in Bosnia Herzegovina. The Country Coalition Concept was developed by Germany during its presidency of the Convention on Cluster

Munitions and can also be applied in the context of the Ottawa-Convention. We are looking forward to this enhanced cooperation and would encourage other States to also establish Country Coalitions.

Germany has maintained a high level of financial support for mine action projects around the world. In 2019, Germany has spent more than 36 million EUR on humanitarian mine action in 11 countries and regions. German-funded activities focus on the full spectrum of mine action: survey and clearance of landmines and ERW; mine risk education; mine victim assistance; and advocacy. Germany works with specialized NGOs, the ICRC and international organisations, such as UNMAS, UNDP and UNICEF. We will continue our efforts in the area of mine action, including assisting affected partners in reaching the goal of declaring becoming free of anti-personnel landmines.

We will take further responsibility in the sector as the next chair of the Mine Action Support Group (MASG). We are pleased to contribute to coordination in international Mine Action. For the MASG meetings, we will bring together donor states, affected countries, as well as international and implementing organizations.

Thank you, Mr. President.