

Statement by the Delegation of Thailand

At the Inter-sessional Meeting of the States Parties to the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention

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4. Matters related to the mandate of the Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance

Mr. Chair,

Excellencies,

Colleagues,

International Cooperation and Assistance is critical to achieving our goal of a world free of Anti-Personnel Mines.

As we look forward to the upcoming review conference, we stress the importance of **the next Action Plan** and wish to see it foster more meaningful cooperation and assistance and enhance our efforts to fulfill all obligations under the Convention.

Thailand wishes to offer the following thoughts:

First, cooperation and assistance must **enhance strong national ownership, evidence-base national strategies, and integration of issues of high importance**, including gender mainstreaming, diversity consideration and sustainable development, in their mine action policy and strategies.

Second, cooperation and assistance must take into account **the need for regular dialogue** between States and other players such as UNMAS, ICRC, ICBL, GICHD, NPA, and other stakeholders. In this regard, Thailand welcomes the meaningful participation of our partners in mine activities, especially for those who have supported and pushed forward the works along the border between Thailand and Cambodia.

Third, cooperation and assistance must take into account all related **local, national, regional and global circumstances**. While paying particular attention to the most vulnerable States, we must not forget those nearing completion. In this connection, Thailand is committed to exploring opportunities for cooperation, including at regional and bilateral levels to **speed up and achieve a mine-free**

ASEAN. Therefore, we have voluntarily pledged to provide 10,000 USD **financial assistance to the ASEAN Mine Action Centre (ARMAC)** since 2019, and we will continue to do so.

Lastly, we hope that this Review Conference will help address **the lack of progress in mine clearance and consecutive extension requests.** Through this discussion, we hope to align and foster better synergy between the affected States, donors and also operators in the fields, and also synergy between the Cooperation and Assistance Committee and the Article 5 Committee.

I thank you.

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