**Statement by the Delegation of Thailand,**

**on Agenda Item 5. Matters related to the mandate of the Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance**

**at the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention Intersessional Meetings**

**on 19 June 2025 (tentatively)**

Madam Chair,

At the outset, Thailand wishes to take this opportunity to thank the members of **Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance** for their efforts to amplify the impact of our cooperation and assistance in the framework of Convention to end human sufferings and impediment to development.

Madam Chair,

Thailand welcomes **the Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan** and **the Political Declaration** which continue to enhance the importance of **strong national ownership, effective partnership,** and **coordination** in mine actions. These documents promote **multi-stakeholder dialogues especially** among States and organizations in a position to provide cooperation and assistance at bilateral, regional and international levels.

Thailand wishes to share its reflections on international cooperation and assistance under the Convention as follows:

First, **effective implementation of the Convention can be maximized through integrating mine action into national development plans, strategies and budgets plan**. Since becoming a State Party, Thailand has integrated provisions of the Convention in its national policies and legislations on disarmament and beyond, in particular development and disability rights with resource mobilization plans in place.

Second, **effective cooperation and assistance must be complemented by national own dialogue** through regular exchanges and effective coordination between different disciplines. Led by the Prime Minister**, the Thai National Mine Action Committee** is a nationally owned and led forum of different agencies that come together to develop policies and monitor the implementation of obligations under the Convention.

In this regard, Thailand wishes to recall the working paper on the national platform, submitted by Thailand together with other members of the Cooperation and Assistance Committee at the **4th Review Conference**.

Third, **cooperation and assistance must reflect the priorities of affected States and benefit the regions and international community.** Thailand appreciates **strong cooperation with all stakeholders,** including States, ICBL, GICHD, NPA, HALO Trust, ARMAC and other humanitarian demining partners**,** and will continue its collaboration to accelerate national implementation as well as to transfer our experiences and practices to the region.

This includes our proposal to establish the **Guidelines and Action Plan for mine clearance operations in ASEAN,** which could serve as a starting point for cooperation on mine action efforts among ASEAN Member States, **especially along the border areas.**

Finally, Thailand supports all comments on **fostering a conducive environment for implementation**, including through the removal of logistic and administrative barriers in line with the best practice indicated in Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan.

We look forward to continuing this discussion with interested parties to ensure that our endeavors contribute to the progress towards mine free-world.

Thank you.

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