

Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention
Intersessional meetings
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EU statement on the financial situation

1. The EU would like to thank you, Mr President, as well as the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs for the presentation on financial and organisational matters related to the Sixteenth Meeting of States Parties (16MSP) in Vienna in December this year.
2. Transparency and constant monitoring help identify and address in a timely manner the financial challenges we have to face, along with the continuous identification of potential savings.
3. We heard with concern the update just delivered on the status of assessed contributions and the extremely low rate of payments. Only some months ago, in December 2016, the serious shortfall in contributions endangered the holding of the Fifteenth Meeting of the States Parties (15MSP) and led to the adoption of extraordinary measures. We deplore that such extraordinary measures seem unavoidable also this year. We call upon all States Parties to engage actively in ensuring financial sustainability of the Convention.
4. Timely and full financial contributions are an important part of States Parties' obligations. They ensure the proper functioning of the Convention.
5. We therefore call upon all States who have arrears from previous years or have not yet paid their contributions this year, to do so without delay and ensure full compliance with their Article 14 obligations.

Thank you, Mr President