

**Intersessional Meetings
of the Anti-personnel Mine Ban Convention
7-8 June 2018**

Statements by the Kingdom of Belgium

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Madam President,

Belgium aligns itself with the statements delivered by the **European Union** and wishes to make the following remarks in her national capacity.

(Cooperation and Assistance)

- Belgium fully supports the “**Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance**” in its efforts to assist States Parties in the implementation of their obligations under the Convention, particularly through its **individualized approach**.
- Belgium welcomes the organisation by the Committee of individualized approach events with Serbia and Sri Lanka during our intersessional meetings.
- My country would also like to thank the Committee for its active engagement during the “**Victim Assistance Retreat**” organized by the “Committee on Victim Assistance” in February and for its readiness to organise a possible “individualized approach event” tailored for victim assistance. In this regard, Belgium calls on all States interested in such a “Victim Assistance-focused Individualized Approach” event, in the margins of the MSP in November, to reach out to both Committees for further information.

- Belgium reiterates its **financial commitment** to the objectives of the Convention and supports projects in the sector of mine clearance, mine risk education, advocacy and, of course, victim assistance.
- In 2017, Belgium contributed **788.330 EUR** to projects related to mine clearance, mine risk education, advocacy, and victim assistance in Myanmar, Irak, Afghanistan, and Palau. My country also financed global programs of Humanity and Inclusion

(Handicap International) and to the ICRC appeals containing different mine action activities in various countries. Belgium also contributed to the European Union's mine clearance effort in some 30 countries for the period 2012-2016.

I thank you.