GENERAL STATEMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA DURING THE ANTI-PERSONNEL MINE BAN CONVENTION, INTERSESSIONAL MEETING, 22ND TO 24TH JUNE, 2021

1. Mr. President, the delegation of Kenya commends you and the members of the Bureau for the excellent stewardship of our deliberations during this Intersessional Meeting.

2. The delegation of Kenya is delighted to join the international community at this session and welcomes the convening of this meeting, as it provides an important opportunity to assess the gains made towards implementation of the Ottawa Treaty.

3. Kenya is a signatory to the Treaty, which was ratified in 2015 and is one of our laws with full effect like any other laws in Kenya and is referred to as the Anti-Personnel Mines Act.

4. Kenya takes this opportunity to reaffirm its commitment to the Treaty and its ideals. As a country, Kenya has suffered the blunt effects of mines both materially and in terms of human loss. As you may all know, the Al shabab Militia operating in Somalia have made Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs), their weapons of choice, against the African Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) and Somalia National Security Forces.

5. Kenya registers her concern for the serious effects and suffering these weapons have caused in many parts of the world. The persons and entities that continue to operate the outlawed weapons need to be condemned with the strongest terms possible. There should be stern
The Permanent Mission of Kenya to the United Nations Office in Geneva and other International Organizations in Switzerland presents its compliments to the Implementation Support Unit of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention and has the honour to convey Kenya’s general statement to the Intersessional Meetings, held from 22nd to 24th June, 2021.

The Permanent Mission of Kenya to the United Nations Office in Geneva and other International Organizations in Switzerland takes this opportunity to renew to the Implementation Support Unit of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention the assurances of its highest consideration.

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action on the contraveners of the Convention and including non-state actors.

6. Full implementation and observance of the Treaty would mean less or no suffering at all to humanity, which should be the dream of everyone. Kenya remains committed to the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Treaty and will continue to endeavor with efforts towards the full implementation of the Treaty.

7. In conclusion, Kenya maintains good co-operation with other State Parties especially in the field of training in mine awareness. Kenya’s Premier International Peace Support Training Centre and its Mine Action School have carried out training on mine action and awareness for participants from all over the world. The training is purely on peace support operations which includes awareness on mines and related devices.

I thank you.