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Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention – Intersessional Meetings

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Mr. President,

Allow me to congratulate you as the President of the Thirteenth Meeting of States Parties of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention. With your vast experience and able leadership, my delegation believes that further progress will be made in the implementation of the Convention.

The President of the Thirteenth Meeting of States Parties had just provided us with an illustration of a significant progress in the implementation of the Convention and in the pursuit of the aims of the Cartagena Action Plan. He also uncovered what are still lacking in the implementation of the Convention.

As we are approaching the Third Review Conference of the States Parties of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention in Maputo on 23-27 June 2014, we should carefully identify the gaps in the implementation of the Convention. This will enable us to set out a concrete five-year Maputo Action Plan.

My delegation is encouraged to learn that 161 States have ratified and acceded to the Convention, with yet another 36 States to join. We hope that States Parties that still have obligation to implement Article 4 for stockpile destruction and Article 5 for mine clearance will fulfill its commitment. Victims and landmines survivors are the ones who suffered most. This should be a reminder of the importance to intensify international cooperation, be it at the regional or bilateral level.

Mr. President,

At the regional level, in 2012 the ASEAN Leaders/Heads of States agreed to establish the ASEAN Regional Mine Action Centre in Phnom Penh. The Centre serves as a centre of excellence to encourage efforts to address explosive remnants of war for interested ASEAN Member States, and shall facilitate cooperation between ASEAN Member States and relevant institutions, including the United Nations Mine Action Service and the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining. The Terms of Reference of the ASEAN Regional Mine Action Centre had been adopted. We hope that full and effective operationalisation of the Centre will be realized soon.

Being one of the first signatory states to the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention, Indonesia has not produced or used anti-personnel mines and has destroyed the last of its 14,127 stockpiled anti-personnel mines on 13 November 2008 and on 15 December 2009. As permitted by the Convention, Indonesia still retains 2,454 mines for training purposes.

Indonesia is of the view that universal acceptance and implementation of the Convention will pave a clear path to achieving the ultimate goal of a world free from mines.

Thank you.

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