

Thank you. Mr Co-chair

Compliance with the convention is of utter importance for the Netherlands. We are therefore deeply concerned about several allegations about the use of anti personnel mines. State parties to the treaty are bound by its obligations.

We remain deeply concerned by the confirmed use of anti personnel mines in Yemen in 2011. We thank the delegation of Yemen for the openness and transparency they have provided so far on this issue and their acknowledgement of the seriousness of the situation. And we thank them again for the interim report that they have shared with all States Parties today. In accordance with article 8 of the convention we would however like to receive further regular updates on their investigation, also with regard to the identification and prosecution of those responsible. We also call again on Yemen to immediately take measures to protect the civilian population in the areas concerned.

Thank you Co-chairs