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Statement by Cambodia on "Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance"

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Mr. President, distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen,

I would like to express my gratitude for giving me the opportunity to report the progress of cooperation and assistance in the context of mine action in Cambodia.

The Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) recognized that cooperation and assistance have enabled important achievements over the last decades in the mine action sector. Active participation from all development partners and especially demining operators will remain essential in achieving the goals of the mine action strategy until 2025. Cambodia has benefitted greatly from sustained and significant contributions from the international community to fund mine action activities since 1992 and this level of support, approximately USD 30 million per year, has been substantially contributing to saving lives from land mine and ERW.

Apart from receiving the support from our development partners, Cambodia has continuously been contributing to the peace keeping mission under the UN auspice. Cambodia has sent thousands of deminers to join UN missions in various corners of the world including South Sudan, Chad, Republic of Mali, the Central African Republic, Lebanon and Cyprus.

In addition, Cambodia relentlessly promote the south-south cooperation through the Cambodian Mine Action Authority and other national operators. Cambodia's valuable experience in the mine action sector has made many positive contributions to the development of mine action programs in other countries and to the mine action sector globally. From August 2015 to April 2016, CMAA alone has exchanged the knowledges and experience with delegates from:

- NPA volunteer staff from Columbia on IMSMA;
- Quang Tri Legacy of War Coordination Centre on Mine Action Coordination Program in Cambodia;
- Directorate of Mine Action Coordination from Afghanistan on Mine Action Program and the Relationship between National Authority and Operators;
- NPA Information Management from Myanmar on IMSMA;
- National Demining Institute of Angola on Mine Risk Education and Victim Assistance Coordination.

Representing the RGC, CMAA with GICHD jointly organized the International Symposium on the Management of Residual Explosive Remnants of Wars (MORE) in Siem Reap, Cambodia in 2015. With the support from the Japan and South Korea, Cambodia also organized the Regional Workshop on ASEAN Regional Mine Action Centre in Siem Reap, Cambodia in 2014 and 2015 respectively.

Mr. President, distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen,

Cooperation and Assistance are the core of achieving our common goal to end the era of anti-personnel mine. Collectively, we would make our dream of mine-free world come true.

To this end, please allow me to take this opportunity to extend my sincere appreciation to the APMBC and GICHD for the priceless contribution to the global mine action. Cambodia could have made all these achievements in mine action without the assistance of the United States of America, Japan, Canada, Australia, Switzerland, Norway, UNDP and other Development Partners. We would like to thank the People's Republic of China who has recently supported the mine action in Cambodia as well as the ASEAN Regional Mine Action Centre and committed further support to Cambodian mine action.

Thank you,