

**Statement by the Delegation of Thailand**  
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Mr. Chairman,

As a mine-affected state, Thailand is grateful for continual and reliable support to our mine action efforts from our friends and partners since we became party to the Convention in 1999. In particular, we wish to convey our thanks to the Government of Japan, Norway, and the United States for their undiminishing contributions in terms of technical know-how, provision of equipment and financial support granted to the Thailand Mine Action Center and other local non-governmental organisations in Thailand.

Mr. Chairman,

Although Thailand is still in the stage of implementing our obligations under the Convention, we believe we are in a position and are ready to provide assistance and support to other mine-affected states in our region and beyond. Thailand has long experience and has developed our own expertise in comprehensive mine action. The Thailand Mine Action Center (TMAC) has recently begun inviting officials from our neighbouring countries to participate in our EOD training courses. TMAC is also offering its assistance on the breeding and training of military dogs for mine action purpose.

In terms of victim assistance, as Thailand's public health service and mine risk education have advanced considerably, we also stand ready to share our good practices with other mine-affected countries, in particular regarding emergency medical treatment for mine victims and the rapid production of prosthesis which can be done in a single day.

Mr. Chairman,

Thailand is keen to play a role of bridge-builder to foster partnerships among States Parties to the Convention with the goal to advance all aspects of humanitarian mine action in a comprehensive manner. Such partnership need not be only confined to bilateral relations between Thailand and other countries. We are ready to facilitate wider regional or international partnership. Once we have completely implemented our mine clearance obligation, Thailand also sees ourselves as capable of becoming a center of excellence in humanitarian mine action within the region.

Thailand took note of the initiative of the Committee in revitalising the “Platform for Partnership” and will update our inputs into the said tool.

Mr. Chairman,

We believe that the Implementation Support Unit of the Convention plays a very essential role in assisting States Parties in their endeavor to become a mine-free country. At the Pledging Conference in March this year, Thailand announced our intention to contribute 10,000 Swiss Francs annually for a period of 4 years to support the work of the ISU. We would like to take this opportunity to encourage those in a position to do so to demonstrate our ownership of the Convention by consider contributing funds to the budget of the ISU.

Mr. Chairman,

Thailand is certain we can realise our common vision of a mine-free world by the year 2025 as announced in the Maputo Declaration but only through the spirit of cooperation and assistance among us States Parties to the Convention.

Thank you.

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