

*Statement of the Indonesian Delegation  
on the agenda of Universalization of the Convention,  
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Mr. President,

As one of the first signatory states, and then party to the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention, Indonesia reaffirms its commitment and continuous support and cooperation for the implementation of the Convention under your presidency.

More than twenty years have passed since the adoption of the Convention in 1997. Yet, the assurance to put an end to the suffering and casualties caused by anti-personnel mines has not been in place as there are still 33 states not party to the Convention.

In this light, Indonesia gives highest appreciation to you, Mr. President, for your continuous engagements to those states, encouraging them to accede to the Convention and inviting them to take concrete measures to support the objective of the Convention.

Indonesia also gives appreciation to those states for their involvement in many meetings of the Convention. Despite becoming non-parties due to various considerations, those states still acknowledge and support to various degrees the humanitarian goals of the Convention and highlight the grave consequences of the use of anti-personnel mines.

Indonesia also highlights the importance of any regional initiatives in streamlining the objectives of the Convention. One of them is the ASEAN Regional Mine Action Centre or ARMAC. ARMAC was established by ASEAN countries in September 2016, which serves as centre of excellence to assist any ASEAN member states in research, knowledge and raising awareness on the effect of explosive remnants of war, including landmines, as well as collectively handle humanitarian aspect of landmines and other remnants of war based on experience sharing, skill training, and capacity building activities.

With the President's continuous efforts, good involvement of the states not party, as well as the existence of many regional initiatives, Indonesia is optimistic that the universalization of the Convention will yield a good result someday.

I thank you Mr. President.