

*Statement of the Indonesian Delegation
on the agenda of Updates by States Parties retaining anti-personnel mines under Article 3
Inter-Sessional Meeting of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention
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Mr. President,
Excellencies, Ladies, and Gentlemen,

Since becoming Party to the Convention in 2007, Indonesia has destroyed 12.618 anti-personnel mines. It is more than 80% of Indonesia's anti-personnel mines.

Currently, Indonesia still retains 2.148 anti-personnel mines for training purposes as permitted by the Convention. In the second half of this year, Indonesia plans to destroy another 98 anti-personnel mines.

Indonesia gives appreciation to the states parties which have been committed to destroy their mines stockpiles within the given time frame. Indonesia underlines the importance of financial, technical, and humanitarian assistance for those states in meeting their deadlines. In this regard, Indonesia is of the view that "link and match" between those assistance and the needs of the recipient countries, as well as support from the ISU is crucial for the implementation of the Convention.

Mr. President,

In facing the detrimental impact of the landmines, Indonesia focuses its efforts in training and educating its military personnel. The advanced trainings in conventional weapons, such as landmines, are extensively taught, and instructed to multiple levels of military personnel.

These trainings and education are essential to increase their skills in eradicating the severity of landmine's impact, not only for both their own well-being as a soldier, but also to prevent casualties from civilians. These skills are proven imperative not only for our own interests, but also for our peace keeping operation under the United Nations. Many of our deployed personnel have proven their expertise in neutralizing significant numbers of landmines during their operations.

On that note, Indonesia is ready to share its expertise and explore cooperation to assist countries in need.

I thank you.