

## **STATEMENT BY CAMBODIA**

### **“UNIVERSALIZATION EFFORT”**

#### **PRESENTED AT THE MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON GENERAL STATUS AND OPERATION OF THE CONVENTION**

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Mr. Co-Chairs of the Standing Committee,  
Excellencies,  
Distinguished Delegates,

As we all know, the success of the Convention and the goal of a mine-free world will not be completed if our universalization effort is not earnestly fulfilled. As host and president of the upcoming Eleventh Meeting of the States Parties (11MSP), Cambodia, like her predecessors, has been taking this business seriously.

At the highest level, our Prime Minister has called upon all members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) to join or at the minimum engage in the work of the Convention during recent 18<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit in Jakarta, Indonesia. He has also urged high level representation at the 11MSP, which we hope will trigger more engagement and revitalize the interest of the remaining countries of ASEAN and the Asian region to join our collective effort.

A plan is underway to visit Viet Nam in the next two months. We are also preparing to propose a visit to Myanmar and Singapore the following month. As family and friend, we hope we have a better chance of jointly advancing the Convention's noble cause when we sit down and dialogue together. I am also very pleased and grateful that HRH Prince Mired of Jordan, 8MSP President and Special Envoy on Universalization; H.E. Turdiu, the 10MSP President; and Mr. Brinkert, Director of ISU have all committed to join our effort in visiting those countries.

I would also like to report that we have been discussing with the ICRC in order to organize a regional universalization workshop in Phnom Penh some time before the 11MSP, which would engage countries in the region. We also expect that when representatives of the concerned countries have the opportunity to witness the ground reality that mine problems have posed to country like Cambodia during the 11MSP, the picture could speak louder than word. And a new momentum in our universalization will set in.

Thank you!