

Tuvalu,

- His Royal Highness Prince Mired Raad Zeid Al Hussein,
- Mr President,
- The Director of the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining,
- CO Chair,
- excellencies,
- dear colleague

This is Tuvalu's first time to part take in a Mine Ban Convention as we are yet to sign the treaty. Although we do not have any land mines nor do we import or export mines, Tuvalu is here to listen and hopefully become a member in the near future. It is surprising to see a lot of countries whom are being victims to these mines and glad to see that treaty such as this one is helping these Countries. Tuvalu thinks that this treaty have to be made paramount important as this has a lot of social, health and economic issues that have been made problematic. However, with formality channel a report will be made possible to our cabinet, once our position is finalized this will be then conveyed to your good office at the earliest.

In light of making this treaty universalize Tuvalu looks forward to receiving His Royal Highness in the near future.

We look forward to be a member and working with you all.

Your Royal Highness, Mr President, Co Chair, Excellencies and dear colleague, I wish every success in this meeting.

Fakafetai Lasi and Thank You