

**Intervention by the Delegation of Thailand**  
**During the Standing Committee on Resources, Cooperation and Assistance**  
**Friday 24 June 2011 at 10.00 hrs.**

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Mr. Chairman,  
Distinguished colleagues,

We are pleased to participate in this first meeting of the Standing Committee on Resources, Cooperation and Assistance. We have long supported the proposal to create a platform for discussion among States Parties and key stakeholders with a view to enhancing and intensifying international cooperation and assistance as provided for under Article 6 of the Mine Ban Convention.

Thailand believes that it is timely for us to seriously consider these issues and strive to address the challenges that we are all facing. This is because the international cooperation and assistance component has played and will continue to play a fundamental role in ensuring the success of the Convention. In this regard, we have recognized that the main responsibility in fulfilling the obligations under the Convention rests with the States Parties. At the same time, it is important to bear in mind that the brunt of the effects of landmines falls mostly on developing countries. Given the limitations faced by these countries, the success of the Convention will therefore rest on shared responsibility and partnership.

Mr. Chairman,

With the continuing effects of the financial crisis that put a strain on most countries, we need to pay attention not only to mobilization but also management of resources. Most importantly, we should consider exploring options that will ensure the continuity of resources, such as the establishment of a Trust Fund, an idea which came about during the Bangkok Workshop on Achieving a Mine-Free Southeast Asia in April 2009. We would therefore very much welcome the further development of this idea, including a concept paper on how we could materialize this concept. Such concept paper could be prepared by the ISU or an independent consultant similar to the evaluation of the ISU last year.

While assistance in terms of financial support is very much needed and appreciated, other types of assistance, such as technical know-how, sharing of best practices and technical experts, provision of equipment, as well as assistance in enhancing national capacity, are also essential. One idea that we would like to raise and further explore is the establishment of a database mechanism, whereby information regarding these other types of assistance, together with the contact detail of responsible agencies of the countries offering assistance, can be gathered and properly stored. Such mechanism will provide useful guidance for countries in need of particular types of assistance to be well informed of where they could make a request for assistance, should the need arise.

We wish to encourage every country to contribute in any way it can and under its capacity in order to fulfill the objectives of the Convention. All of us should strive to do our part in achieving a mine-free and zero-victim world. We would also like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation to the donor countries that have consistently rendered their assistance and cooperation to Thailand during the past few years.

To conclude, Mr. Chairman, We wish to reiterate that in order to move forward, we do need to find ways to address the issue of resources mobilization and management by going beyond mere expression of commitments. We therefore hope that our proposals would receive support from other delegation. Thailand stands ready to work with you and other States Parties to strengthen our collective efforts on cooperation and assistance.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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