

Thanks Mr. Co-Chairs for the opportunity to provide a brief report regarding mine action progress in the areas along Cambodian-Thai border with the following:

In pursuant to the International Court of Justice (ICJ)'s Order for Provisional Measures, dated 18 July, 2011 and based on the result of discussion of the Eighth Meeting of the General Border Committee (GBC) in Phnom Penh on 21 December 2011, the Joint Working Group (JWG-CMAC/TMAC) has held three meetings, firstly in Bangkok on 3-5 April 2012, second in Phnom Penh on 26-28 June 2012 and third in Bangkok on 17-19 December 2012.

Recently from 15-17 May 2013, the 9th meeting of the General Border Committee (GBC) was held in Bangkok. The meeting was focusing on general cooperation along and across the borders of Cambodia and Thailand including mine action cooperation. On mine action subject, the meeting agreed to continue maintaining its clause by stating that:

"Both sides agreed to encourage Cambodian Mine Action and Victim Assistance Authority (CMAA) and Thai Mine Action Centre (TMAC) as well as relevant authorities of both countries to determine the priority areas along the common border for de-mining cooperation under the framework of the JBC".

Regarding the de-mining in the areas adjacent to Preah Vihear temple, both governments have given an approval to task CMAC and TMAC to jointly conduct de-mining based on Joint Demining Plan:

- Joint Verification of points A, B, C, D of the provisional demilitarized zone (PDZ) as determined by the ICJ.
- Joint Demining Plan: both sides agreed that joint Demining of the required areas takes the meaning of paragraph 2.1 (a: deployment of a mixed CMAC-TMAC demining team) and 2.1 (b: deployment of separate CMAC and TMAC demining teams, each team to demine in different assigned areas) of the record of discussion of CMAC-TMAC-1. The areas for which the mixed CMAC-TMAC Demining team or separate CMAC and TMAC Demining teams will apply, shall be mutually agreed.

Finally Mr. Co-Chair, this is to confirm that there is still no real deployment on the ground yet. CMAC and TMAC are planned to meet to consolidate for a real deployment plan at the end of June in Thailand.