Mr. Co-Chairman, the Philippine delegation would like to thank you, your fellow Co-
Chairmen, the Bureau, and the Secretariat - the ISU and GICHD, for your excellent conduct
and organization of our Ottawa Convention Standing Committee Meetings.
The Philippines has the honor to report on the latest developments with respect to its
Ottawa Convention national activities.

At the onset, the Philippine Delegation would like to recognize and thank the invaluable role
of the APLMC Community in advancing the Ottawa Convention, particularly the GICHD,
UNMAS, the International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL), Landmine Action, Landmine
Monitor, the Swiss Foundation for Mine Action (FSD), Geneva Call and our other friends.
We would also like to acknowledge the mutually reinforcing efforts between and among
the landmine, cluster munitions and small arms disarmament communities, leading to the
successful conclusion of the Oslo Convention. We would like to acknowledge the
contributions of the Henri Dunant Center, the Cluster Munitions Coalition, IANSA, and our
other friends. We would also like to highlight the work of the Philippine branches of the
"family", the Philippine Campaign to Ban Landmines (PCBL), the Philippine Campaign to
Ban Cluster Munitions and the PHILANSA.

The contributions of donor countries with regard to conventional arms activities is deeply
appreciated, particularly those projects in the Philippines supported by the European Union
and Commission, Canada and Australia.

The Philippines is proceeding in earnest with the passage of its implementing legislation. In
the Philippine Congress, intensive deliberations are ongoing with regard to our draft APLMC
implementing law, involving all concerned stakeholders, government, military and civil
society. Our delegation would like to acknowledge the invaluable role of the International
Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL) and the Philippine Campaign to Ban Landmines (PCBL),
who have been instrumental in helping to craft the draft law and in providing expert
testimony in our Congressional hearings. It is hoped that our law will pass before the next round of
national elections to be held in May 2010.

The Philippines is also working closely with the FSD and the Philippine-UN White Helmets for
the establishment of a peacebuilding and humanitarian training center in Mindanao, in the
Southern Philippines. A wonderful dividend of our advocacy and technical work in the
Ottawa Community is that it supports broader disarmament, peace process, peacebuilding
and humanitarian activity, as exemplified by the Philippine-FSD project.

The Philippines also welcomes the planned verification mission of Geneva Call to look into
the alleged Deed of Commitment violations of an Armed Non-State Actor in the Philippines.

With regard to advancing the dialogue on "Mine Action and Development", the Philippines
applauds the synergies and dynamism between (a) our landmine, cluster munitions, small
arms, military, law enforcement and other peace stakeholders and (b) our development
community. Collaboration among these stakeholders as a means to help advance socio-
economic development is an important thrust of the Philippine Government, we intend to
highlight this relationship as a theme in our planned hosting of the next Southeast Asia-
Pacific Meeting of the Geneva Declaration on Armed Violence and Development which is
scheduled for February 2010 in Manila.

Mr. Co-Chairman, the Philippines would also like to express its fullest support to the
Governments of Colombia and Norway, as, respectively, the Host and President of the
Cartagena Review Conference, in the Road to Cartagena.
Thank you. Mr. Co-Chairman.