

Statement by Indonesian Delegation
13th Meeting of States Parties to Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention
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Mr. President,

The Indonesian delegation congratulates you, Mr. President, upon your election as the President of the Thirteenth Meeting of States Parties to Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention and pledges its support to you and the other members of the Bureau. I am confident that under your able leadership, this meeting will strive to achieve its noble objectives and expectations.

Allow me also at this opportunity to express our highly appreciation to H.E. Mr. Matjaž Kovačič as the President of the Twelfth Meeting of States Parties, for his commendable endeavour, commitment and efforts in advancing the Convention.

The Thirteenth Meeting of States Parties is an important one in leading up to the Third Review Conference to be held in Maputo, Mozambique in June 2014. We need to identify progress made since the Second Review Conference in Cartagena. What is more crucial is to identify gaps in the implementation of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention. Then, we need to set out a concrete five-year action-oriented plan for the implementation of the Convention.

My delegation is encouraged to learn that so far 161 States have ratified and acceded to the Convention. We hope that States Parties that still have obligation to implement Article 4 for stockpile destruction and Article 5 for mine clearance will fulfill its commitment. Victims and landmines survivors are the ones who suffered most. This should be a reminder of the importance to intensify international cooperation, be it at the regional or bilateral level.

Mr. President,

At the regional level, last year the ASEAN Leaders/Heads of States agreed to establish the ASEAN Regional Mine Action Centre in Phnom Penh.

Being one of the first signatory states to the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention, Indonesia has not produced or used anti-personnel mines and has destroyed the last of its 14,127 stockpiled anti-personnel mines on 13 November 2008 and on 15 December 2009. As permitted by the Convention, Indonesia still retains 2,454 mines for training purposes.

Indonesia is of the view that universal acceptance and implementation of the Convention will pave a clear path to achieving the ultimate goal of a world free from mines. It is therefore our hope that our deliberation in this year's Meeting of

States Parties will lead to a more strengthened commitment in the implementation of the Convention.

Thank you.