

Statement of Slovenia
13 Meeting of States Parties
General Status and Operation of the Convention

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Mr Chairman, *President,*

Thank you for the floor. I would like to briefly report the States Parties on the developments regarding the UN General Assembly Resolution on the Convention on the Prohibition of Anti-personnel Mines.

Slovenia, in its capacity of the chair of the 12th Meeting of States Parties, tabled the resolution to the secretariat of the UNGA First Committee on 2nd October this year, together with Algeria and Cambodia. Slovenia also introduced the resolution to the Committee in the First Committee' thematic debate on Conventional Weapons on Tuesday, 29 October. The First Committee voted on the resolution on the 1st of November: 154 stated voted in favour, 18 delegations abstained and nobody voted against the resolution. We would like to congratulate Libya and Qatar for voting in favour of the resolution for the very first time. Unfortunately, not all States Parties did support the resolution. General Assembly will vote on the resolution today, later in the afternoon. We would appeal to all delegations of States Parties to support and voting in favour of the resolution this afternoon in New York.

This year, Slovenia invested its diplomatic efforts in order to increase number of delegations that voted in favour of the resolution. We talked with to several UN delegations whose delegations usually abstain. We held last round of task in the recent days in order to increase the number of yes votes. We would like to thank the ICBL for their assistance in lobbying efforts, notably in the case of Libya and Qatar. We have impression that some of those countries that traditionally vote abstention are not far away from moving to yes vote. I would like to encourage them to seriously reflect our proposal.

Lastly, I would like to thank everyone that assisted us in our work. First of all, I would like to thank everyone for their support, notably colleagues from Algeria and Cambodia for assisting us, while tabling the resolution. They also helped us with their support, when we received a late hour amendment to the resolution and had to refuse it, though on substance we found it relevant. Our gratitude goes also to the States Parties that voted in favour and will repeat it today, I had to thank the NGOs, notably the ICBL for their lobbying assistance and last but not least, the ISU for the drafting of the first draft of the resolution.

I thank you Mr Chairman *President*

united: Myanmar, Vietnam, Qatar, Lybia, DRC, Nepal
Lebanon