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United States Delegation to Thirteenth Meeting of States Parties  
to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and  
Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction

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Thank you, Mr. President,

The United States is pleased to attend the Thirteenth Meeting of States Parties to the Ottawa Convention. We congratulate those States that reported completing anti-personnel mine clearance this year.

The United States shares the concern of Parties to the Ottawa Convention and continues to demonstrate our commitment to addressing the humanitarian consequences caused by landmines, both anti-personnel and anti-vehicle. We understand many supporters of the Ottawa Convention both here at this meeting and around the world are interested in the progress of the U.S. landmine policy review, and we assure you that we are pressing forward to conclusion.

As always, the United States applauds the significant accomplishments to date by Parties to the Ottawa Convention in addressing the humanitarian impact of anti-personnel landmines, and we remain committed to a continuing partnership with other States and non-governmental organizations in this effort.

Thank you, Mr. President.