

STATEMENT BY THE INDONESIAN DELEGATION

14th 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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Agenda: Stockpile Destruction
Wednesday, 2 December 2015, 15.00-18.00

Thank you, Mr. President,

At the outset, allow me to begin by extending our warm congratulations on your appointment as the Chair of the 14th Meeting of the States Parties, and assure you of my delegation's full support.

**Mr. President,
Distinguished delegates,**

The Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention has certainly made direct impact to the lives of civilians throughout the world. Since the Convention's entry into force in 1999, over 49 million of anti-personnel landmines have been destroyed. More than 2,000 km² (*square kilometer*) of mines-contaminated land have been cleared over the last decade, whilst thousands of landmines-related victims have received assistance through various victim assistance programs under the Convention. Therefore, it would not be an overstatement to say that the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention is one of the most successful disarmament and humanitarian treaties.

Despite these remarkable achievements, however, anti-personnel landmines still cause humanitarian suffering in many regions. In 2014, a total of 3,678 (*three thousand six hundred and seventy eight*) people were killed or injured by mines or other explosives. And as of October last year, 56 states and four other areas are confirmed to be affected by landmines. This awareness underpins the States Parties' decision to adopt the Maputo Action Plan last year.

Mr. President,

Indonesia is committed to the full implementation of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention, even though Indonesia is not an affected nor donor state. And being one of the first signatory states to the Convention, Indonesia has never produced nor resorted to use anti-personnel landmines.

As obligated under Article 4 of the Convention, we have destroyed the last of our *fourteen thousand one hundred and twenty seven* stockpiled anti-personnel landmines in 2009, whilst retaining *two thousand four hundred and fifty four* anti-personnel landmines for training

purposes, as permitted under Article 3 of the Convention. We strictly submit our reports annually as obligated under Article 7 on transparency measures.

Indonesia is also fully committed to the full implementation of the Maputo Action Plan and to contribute to our shared objective in completing the remaining works. Indonesia is a member and current Chair of the Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance, which mandate is to assist States Parties in the full implementation of Article 6 of the Convention, guided by the Maputo Action Plan.

At the regional level, **Mr. President**, Indonesia, with other ASEAN member states, has been working on the establishment of ASEAN Regional Mines Action Centre (ARMAC) to be based in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. The Centre is aimed at providing a framework for ASEAN Member States to collectively tackle the humanitarian aspects of the landmines through an integrated approach of experiences sharing, skills training and other capacity building activities.

Indonesia is of the view that the objectives on universalization, stockpile destruction, mine clearance, and victim assistance, as stated in the Maputo Action Plan, would only be achieved through enhanced cooperation and partnership among States Parties. We therefore would like to call for a closer cooperation between States Parties, based on strong national ownership.

Finally, **Mr. President**, we wish to reaffirm our commitment in continuing our contribution, within our capacity, to the full realization of the objectives of the Convention.

I thank you.