



**15TH 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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Statement by Germany

Mr. President,

Germany aligns itself with the statement delivered on behalf of the European Union and its member states and would like to make a few comments in a national capacity.

We are grateful to Chile to take on the task as president of this Meeting of States Parties and for steering our deliberations to strengthen the Convention. We would also like to commend the Coordinators for their excellent work over the past year and for their efforts to advance the effective implementation of the Convention and the Maputo Action Plan.

This Convention is a cornerstone of the international humanitarian law and it is an indispensable instrument for our common fight against anti-personnel mines worldwide. The convention has proven to be effective. Since its entry into force international trade with APM came to a near halt and less and less countries produce APMs. This is a great success.

We call upon all states to stop stockpiling, producing or using APMs.

The progress made through the Convention is the reason why Germany is a strong advocate for a further push towards its universalization. ~~In this vain we would like to welcome Sri Lanka as the newest States Party to the Convention.~~

In spite of this success, this does not mean we have no tasks left as far as landmines are concerned. With the Maputo Action Plan we set ourselves the ambitious goal of fulfilling our obligations under the Convention by 2025 and especially in the field of clearance and destruction there is substantial work ahead of us.

Germany contributed around 13 million Euros in 2015 for assistance in mine clearance, victim assistance, risk awareness activities and stockpile destruction in affected states. In 2016, Germany has provided around 16 million euros for humanitarian mine action for 25 projects in 13 countries and regions.

Another important aspect of the Convention's work is to create transparency. We encourage all States Parties to provide their national reports to the ISU in order to be able to assess the progress of the implementation.

Germany would like to thank the ISU for their support to States Parties and would like to underline the need for every State Party to pay their contributions so that we can work towards a world free of APMs.

Mr. President,

We look forward to productive discussions during this meeting and the exchange of practical experiences.