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Thank you Madam Chair,

*As this is the first time that Luxembourg takes the floor,*  
*(Chair of the)*  
Let me start by thanking the Committee on Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance for the presentation of their conclusions and recommendations. I also want to thank the Republic of Chile for hosting this 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of States Parties of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention and all their efforts for organizing this important event.

Luxembourg fully aligns itself with the Statement made by the representative of the European Union on international cooperation and assistance. However, let me offer a few additional remarks from a national perspective.

International Cooperation and Assistance is key for the success of the Convention and represents a crucial aspect for reaching our common goal to implement all outstanding obligations under the Convention before 2025.

In this context, I am pleased to inform you that over the past year, Luxembourg has provided over 1.2 Million EUR to projects in a number of countries in Asia, the Middle East and Africa in the field of advocacy, demining and clearance of explosive remnants of war (ERW) as well as awareness raising and risk education.

As laid out in the Maputo Action Plan in 2014, Luxembourg supports broader efforts to meeting the victims needs for example by financing projects with a community-based approach.

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to reemphasize Luxembourg's commitment to continue its engagement in international cooperation and assistance under the Convention.

Thank you