Your Excellency, Mr. President,

Excellencies,

Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen!

First of all, allow me on behalf of the Government of Timor-Leste to congratulate and extend my deepest gratitude to the Kingdom and the Government of Thailand for organizing this very important and successful 5th Meeting of the States Parties of Anti-Personnel Mine Treaty and for the warm reception, hospitality and carefully given to the delegation of Timor-Leste, since the arrival.

The Executive and acceptance of taking and playing the leading role in the promotion of the Convention in the region of Asia, is a great honour and should not only for the people of Thailand, but also for all the people in the countries of the region, because it shows the great concern of the Government of the sufferings of hundreds and thousands of innocent people in the region.

Timor-Leste, although is facing a number of internal problems in all sectors of activities at the new era,
Poon Country will do its best to support the humanitarian work, because we all have the same goal, which is to free the world from the land mines, that so far have caused millions and millions of innocent victims around the world.

Mr. Speaker,
Distinguished Delegates,

As you all know, Timor-Leste has ratified and acceded to the Convention and in the next November will resume the full member of the Convention with all its obligations to be fulfilled.

Although Timor-Leste does not possess land mines in the country to the cleared (as), the Government of Timor-Leste will do its best, as the contribution for the promotion of the Convention in order to achieve the common objective, which is to free our future generation from harbingers of destroying the victims of the land mines that our generation is facing and is facing so far.

For this reason I would like to reiterate the previous statements of other delegations that the total clearance of the land commitment for the total clearance of the land mines is imperative and actions have to be taken by all the Governments and specially by the Government and the people of mine affected countries.
I would like to take this opportunity to express my wishes for the countries so far still refusing to ratify the Convention to consider and quickly decide to join the Convention.

At the earliest possible date, I hope to be able to visit the International Center for Humanitarian Law that enacts the delimitation of Territorial Waters to participate in this very important conference.

Thank you, Madame President.