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Mr. President,
Distinguished participants,
Ladies and gentlemen

On the outset I would like to congratulate you Mr. Chairman to the presidency of this meeting, the same congratulation go also to the members of the Bureau.

We stand ready to support you and the Bureau in your task, and will not spare any effort to contribute to the success of this meeting.

We would like also to congratulate the government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan for hosting this meeting and for the warm hospitality we all felt.

Mr. Chairman;

State of Kuwait participated in almost the past seven meeting of the state parties as an observer , and now in this 8th meeting we are here as a state party , nevertheless even before that we endeavored to act in line with some of the major objectives of Ottawa convention .

We are convinced that our strategic aims are achievable by fully respecting the norms of this convention.

In this regard the mine clearance and UXO disposal teams in Kuwait has detected and destroyed almost one million and four hundred APM for the period from 1991 till October 2007 , our demining activities are continuous and fortunately the number of mine founding report are falling off .

As a military legal department in Kuwait armed forces we started our process and coordination with other concerned military units and civilian departments for preparing a full report based on transparency measures mentioned in article seven , and suggesting a legal amendment to Kuwaiti panel code to match the requirement of article nine , not forgetting other major goals in the convention need to be highlighted in parallel with that effort we recently started .

In conclusion my delegation wishes to reaffirm their continued commitment to the fight against landmines and to pledge support to you Mr. President and your team on a Mine Free World.

Thank you