

APLC Pledging Conference 2016, Geneva, 2nd March 2016

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland Statement

Madam President,

1. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on Chile's Presidency of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention. The United Kingdom is a strong supporter of the Convention and its goals; and welcomes Chile's initiative to hold a Donor Conference.
2. The United Kingdom believes that the most effective funding model for the Convention's Implementation Support Unit (ISU) is one based on voluntary contributions, and hopes that this Donor Conference will help to bring the predictability and sustainability needed on ISU funding.
3. At the 2015 Meeting of States Parties, the United Kingdom announced its voluntary donation of £25,000 to the ISU for its 2016 budget. I can now confirm that this donation has been transferred and received by the ISU. I hope that others will follow the UK example of making contributions that will collectively provide the funds needed to enable the ISU to operate effectively.

Madam President,

4. I would like to reassure you that the UK stands ready to support Chile's leadership over the coming year to make progress towards the Convention's goals.

Thank you.