



**Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention
Third Pledging Conference**

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Thank you Madam President.

At the outset please allow me to congratulate you on your appointment and to wish Afghanistan the very best for its Presidency of the Convention. You have our full support.

New Zealand is pleased to be participating in this third Pledging Conference of States Parties to the Ottawa Convention. Building on the success of the first two such Conferences – and echoing the impact it has had in other fora – the pledging concept is now one of a number of tools being used to raise awareness of, and promote widespread support for funding the Convention’s important work.

In keeping with our previous announcements, New Zealand is again making a modest contribution to the work of the Convention’s Implementation Support Unit in 2018. Our donation of NZ\$5000 is commensurate with what we understand New Zealand’s assessed contribution would be, were the ISU to be funded compulsorily. We were pleased to be able to make that payment early and aim to continue this regular support for the ISU over the coming years. We were also very happy to be in a position last year to provide an additional one-off contribution of NZ\$40,000 to the ISU, and to continue our funding of mine clearance activities around the world.

New Zealand encourages all States Parties to provide whatever support they can to the ISU, not least in its efforts to support our collective efforts to fulfil the goal of a mine-free world by 2025. We are very appreciative

of the work of the ISU and of their commitment to making the Ottawa Convention a truly universal instrument – most recently in our region through ISU participation at the Pacific Conference on Conventional Weapon Treaties in Auckland, New Zealand from 12 to 14 February 2018.

Thank you.