Madam President,

It is my honor to speak at this conference in support of the humanitarian goals and activities pursued in the framework of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention.

Let me congratulate Afghanistan and you personally, Madam President, for chairing the work of the Convention this year.

Poland, long before becoming the State Party to the Convention, being engaged in missions abroad - particularly under the United Nations and the European Union auspices - has delivered assistance to post-conflict recovery areas and has contributed to alleviate the humanitarian problems caused by unexploded ordnance and landmines.

We also contributed to different projects aimed at the clearance of mines and explosive remnants of war.

A good example of this engagement is the United Nations Mine Action Service’s project in Gaza to which we have contributed consequently for the last three years.

We consistently attach a great importance to the work of the Convention’s Implementation Support Unit.

I am, therefore, pleased to inform you, Madam President, that in support of the ISU activity Poland has contributed 10.000 euro to its 2017 and 2018 budgets.

I would like to end my short intervention by extending our sincere gratitude to the ISU team for its commitment and excellent work.

Thank you for your attention,