



**Ottawa Convention
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Merci Monsieur le président.

My country aligns with the statement made by the EU.

First, I would like to thank you for convening this essential conference. Let me also thank the ISU for its fundamental work to reach a landmine free world.

France is very happy to hear that the ISU is now in a good financial situation thanks to its buffer fund. Nevertheless, as reminded by UNODA, it is important to make sure that all the States Parties pay their contributions. France will remain attentive to that matter.

In 2018, France participated to the international effort against landmine with 12 million of euros, including 3 million on humanitarian demining in Lybia only. In 2019, we will maintain an equal level of participation to support the convention and the international mine action efforts. This Year again, our action will focus mainly on training, and capacity building in the areas facing strong crises, such as Irak, Syria, Lybia and the Sahel region.

Let me reassure you of our strong support for the work of the convention and the objective of a mine free world in 2025.

I thank you.