



Statement by Turkey

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Thank you Mr. President,

Turkey aligned with the EU statement, in our national capacity I would like to deliver following brief statement.

At the outset let me add my voice to the other speakers in thanking HE Deputy Minister Halvorsen for his opening remarks and you, your team and the ISU staff for convening the Fourth Pledging Conference today. Taking this opportunity, I also would like to thank the former Presidency of Afghanistan for their outstanding work.

Mr. President,

Turkey strongly supports efforts for a world free of landmines. In line with this support, Turkey became a State Party to the Convention in 2004. Our common aim is to put an end to the suffering and casualties caused by anti-personnel mines that kill or maim, mostly innocent and defenceless civilians and especially children.

Taking this opportunity, I would like to reiterate that my country is determined to fulfil its commitments emanating from the Ottawa Convention. In this regard, mine clearance operations and mine action activities have intensified and clearance output has increased significantly. Here, I will suffice to remind that we provided detailed information on the progress of mine clearance activities in the 17th MSP.

Mr. President,

Our voluntary financial contributions to the functioning of this forum has been humble yet consistent over the years. In this regard, works have been carried out to maintain our support for the ISU budget and for the Sponsorship Program this year as well.

Thank you Mr. President.