



## **Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction**

### **Fifth Annual Pledging Conference**

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Thank you Mister President,

We want to thank you and Sudan for assuming the responsibility to Preside our Meeting of State Parties. As other delegations have stated, the challenges to implement our Oslo Action Plan are important but we are sure that under your leadership we will obtain positive results.

For Colombia, the implementation of this Convention, as well as the Oslo Action Plan is a permanent commitment. The relationship with the Implementation Support Unit has allowed us to take advantage of the mechanisms established within the machinery of the Convention to support our efforts of clearance of territories, mine risk education, victim assistance and cooperation. We also have witnessed the very important role of the Implementation Support Unit in the work of the Coordinating Committee as well as each one of the Committees.

The relevance of this Convention and the importance of its collaborative efforts is carefully crafted by the work of the team of the ISU, fulfilling the tasks commended by each Presidency and by the documents that we have agreed.

We want to take this opportunity to thank donor States, not only for their bilateral and multilateral efforts, which guarantee the level of operations in Colombia towards the goal of a territory free of landmines, but also to their support to the Implementation Support Unit, which allows us to have a permanent partner in the fulfilling of our obligations under the Convention.

We also want to thank Australia as Coordinator of the Sponsorship Program. The support of this Program has allowed us to actively participate in several meetings with high level, as well as technical delegates that not only can bring the Colombian experience to the Meetings, but also has allowed us to know best practices of other States, as well as strengthen the alliances that we have to comply with the Convention.

Thank you Mister President