

**Statement**

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**(Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention)**

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**(Chaired by H.E. Robert Gabielse, Ambassador and PR of the Netherlands to the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva and Disarmament Ambassador-at -large, and the President of MSP19)**

Mr. Chair,

1. First and foremost, I wish to congratulate you on your Presidency of the Nineteenth Meeting of the State Parties of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention. You can count on my delegation's full support for the success of the meetings this year.

2. Since 2016, Thailand had contributed 10,000 CHF annually to the ISU in order to ensure the long-term financial stability of the ISU and support the positive work that benefit not only victims of anti-personnel mines, their family members and society as a whole.

3. In this connection, I am happy to inform this Annual Pledging Conference that in 2019 the Thai Cabinet has approved our financial support of 10,000 CHF to the ISU of during 2020-2023.

4. Additionally, I hope that other Member States and International Organizations will also come on board for this humanitarian cause and commit to supporting the ISU on a multi-year basis so that we can work together to leave no one behind and fulfill our commitment to the UN Sustainable Development Goals 2030.

5. I thank you.