



Statement by Turkey

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Thank you, Mr. President,

Since this is the first time that I take the floor under your presidency let me at the outset congratulate you. You can count on our support.

Let me also add my voice to the other speakers in thanking you for convening the Sixth Annual Pledging Conference today. I also would like to thank the former Presidency of Sudan, the ISU and Australia as the coordinator of the sponsorship program.

We aligned with the EU Statement, in my national capacity I would like to make following remarks.

Mr. President,

Turkey strongly supports efforts for a world free of landmines. 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.

Mr. President,

Our voluntary financial contributions to the functioning of this forum have been consistent over the years.

In this vein, we again intend to support the Sponsorship Program and ISU budget in 2021 as we did in the previous years, but it is still under consideration. We will duly provide information when the procedure is completed.

Thank you, Mr. President.