

Mr President

Distinguished Delegates

Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is a great honor for me to participate in the 10 meeting of the state parties to the mine ban convention in Geneva, and to be given this opportunity to speak on behalf of the government of Sudan.

Therefore I would like to express my deepest admiration and appreciation to the government of Switzerland for continually hosting this important meeting and for its kind hospitality.

Mr. President

The government of Sudan has been playing an active role in addressing the problems of AT mine and explosive remnants of war (ERW) as it's a precondition to recon structure and peace consolation, during the past years. Sudan has made considerable progress in fulfilling its obligations under the mine ban convention and in addressing the landmine and ERW contamination problems in the country.

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In addition to the establishment of the necessary mine action legislative regulatory and institutional framework in 2010. Mine action bill has been approved and adopted by both the presidency and the council of ministries unanimously.

Reiterating its commitment in addressing landmine/ERW problem, Sudan allocated approximately 16 million ^{US\$} from the national budget for various mine action activities since 2007.

To provide safe environment for its citizens, Sudan has trained and deployed 120 deminers since 2007. These deminers have been jointly provided by the Sudan armed forces and the Sudan people's liberation army (SPLA) to undertake clearance and verification activities as well as strengthen confidence and peace building and support to the implementation of the comprehensive peace agreement. This year these teams were accredited and then deployed. The deployment resulted in clearance of around 120 KM of roads and around 107,000 square meters of mine fields with funding from both the government and donors.

We hope vision has been change to action and action to practicality.

Thank your attention