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Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their
Destruction**

General Exchange of Views

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Mr. Chairman,

Let me begin by congratulating you upon your assumption as the Chair of 16th Meeting of States Parties (16MSP) to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction (“Mine Ban Convention”). We are confident that under your very able stewardship, we will have a productive meeting. Rest assured of my delegation’s full support and constructive engagement during your chairmanship.

I would like also to commend the preparatory work accomplished by the Implementation Support Unit (ISU) and thank all the Committees for the presentation of their conclusions and recommendations.

Mr. Chairman,

This year marks twenty years since the Mine Ban Convention was adopted, when the international community agreed to end the scourge of landmines once and for all. In this regard, the 16MSP should provide a good momentum for the international community to take stock of what have been achieved so far and to reaffirm commitments for a mine-free world by 2025.

Being one of the first signatory states to the Convention, Indonesia remains committed to end the casualties caused by anti-personnel landmines and remains fully committed to the implementation of the Convention and the Maputo Action Plan. Indonesia has not produced or used anti-personnel landmines and has destroyed the last of its 14,127 stockpiled anti-personnel mines on 13 November 2008 and on 15 December 2009. As permitted by the Convention, Indonesia still retains 2.454 mines for training purposes.

Mr. Chairman,

Indonesia views that existing efforts and framework must be enhanced to support victims of landmines, particularly women and children. State Parties must continue to forge cooperation in mine related activities and enhance technical cooperation with a view to exchange best practices and lessons learned.

Indonesia deems important for State Parties to report regularly as mandated in the Convention. Transparency in reporting enables State Parties to showcase progress and implementation measure and will able to make case of international cooperation if needed. Additionally, annual reports from State Parties increases its impact and confidence building measure among other States.

Mr. Chairman,

At the regional level, Indonesia together with ASEAN has operationalized the Regional Mine Action Centre. Inaugurated in September 2016, it serves as a center of excellence with a view to; first, assist interested ASEAN member states in research, knowledge and raising awareness of the effect of explosive remnants of war; and second, tackling regional efforts to collectively tackle humanitarian aspect of landmines and remnants of war based on experience sharing, skill training and capacity building activities.

Mr. Chairman,

Indonesia is concerned on the current financial challenges faced by the ISU. The financial risk of the ISU will jeopardize its technical and administrative assistance to States Parties in implementing their mine clearance and victim assistance

obligations. In this regard, Indonesia will continue its voluntary contribution to support the work of ISU.

To conclude, Indonesia underlines that universal acceptance and implementation of the Convention will pave a clear path to achieving the ultimate goal of a world free from mines. It is therefore our hope that our deliberation in this year's MSP will lead to a more strengthened commitment in the implementation of the Convention.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.