

## **APLC Pledging Conference, Geneva, 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

### **United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland Statement**

Mr President,

1. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on Austria's Presidency of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention. The United Kingdom is a strong supporter of the Convention and its goals; and remains committed to working with you to achieve these goals.
2. The UK believes that the most effective funding model for the Convention's Implementation Support Unit (ISU) is one based on voluntary contributions, and hopes that this Pledging Conference will help to bring the predictability and sustainability needed on ISU funding.
3. The UK is pleased to announce a voluntary donation of £15,000 to the ISU for its 2017 work plan. I hope that others will follow the UK example of making contributions that will collectively provide the funds needed to enable the ISU to operate effectively.
4. I would like to reassure you that the UK stands ready to support Austria's leadership over the coming year to make progress towards the Convention's goals.

Thank you.