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for the Implementation
of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention

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Mr. President,
Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Let me start by thanking you Mr president for hosting the Fifth International Pledging Conference. The Conference provides an important opportunity to mobilise the necessary financial resources to help implement the objectives of the Convention and to renew and strengthen our collective commitments concerning mine action.

Slovenia remains strongly committed to the Ottawa Convention and to the vision of a landmine free world by 2025. For this reason, the Slovenian Government in 1998 established ITF Enhancing Human Security, aiming at alleviating the scourge of antipersonnel mines in mine-affected regions across the world. We are proud that over the last 20 years ITF has with support of its donors, implemented a number of projects focusing on capacity building and providing medical and psychosocial rehabilitation of victims, especially children, from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Gaza Strip, Ukraine, etc. ITF has always been among the priorities of the Slovenian Government, which continues to support ITF politically, financially and with in-kind contributions.

We underline the important role of the Implementation Support Unit (ISU) as a core instrument in supporting States Parties to implement the Convention and fulfil their obligation. We thank the ISU for their dedicated work and are fully committed to continue supporting the ISU also this year with contribution of 5.000 Euros.

Finally, Mr President, Slovenia fully endorses the statement delivered by the EU. We will continue engaging to achieve the goal of a world without mines by 2025 and contribute actively to this year's Conference.

I thank you, Mr. President.