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Statement by Sri Lanka

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Thank you Mr. President,

Sri Lanka would like to take this opportunity to provide an update on our national implementation measures.

We are pleased to announce that as per the decision taken by the Cabinet of Ministers on 30th May 2021, approval was granted to publish the Prohibition of Anti-Personnel Mines Bill in the Government Gazette, and thereafter to be tabled in Parliament for approval.

The Ministry of Justice is taking steps to present the Bill in Parliament for its approval.

We anticipate that these procedural steps will be completed in the near future enabling the successful adoption of the Prohibition of Anti-Personnel Mines Act of Sri Lanka, in keeping with our obligations under Art. 9 of the Convention on national implementation measures.

We wish to thank the international partners, in particular the ICRC for providing technical assistance in drafting of the legislation.