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STATEMENT BY CANADA
APMBC Seventh Pledging Conference, March 1, 2022

Madam President,

- We welcome Colombia's initiative as President to hold the Seventh Annual Pledging Conference and we thank all those who have made and who will make remarks today. It is encouraging to hear of the efforts underway to implement the Convention. In particular, we thank [*high-level representative of Colombia TBC*] for [*his/her*] keynote address.

Madam President,

- Canada remains a strong supporter of the Convention and its goals, as demonstrated by our contribution of more than \$450 million to mine action around the world in the last two decades.

Our current multi-year funding includes a total of more than \$55 million for projects between **2020 and 2024**, in the following countries:

- Afghanistan;
 - Armenia;
 - Azerbaijan;
 - Burkina Faso;
 - Cambodia;
 - Colombia;
 - Iraq;
 - Lao PDR;
 - Sri Lanka;
 - Syria;
 - Ukraine; and
 - A regional project in the Sahel (specifically in Niger, Mali and Burkina Faso).
- Other initiatives are currently pending approval and will be announced as soon as they are confirmed.
 - In addition to these commitments, Canada has committed more than \$7 million from **2018 to 2024** to provide institutional support to the International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL) and to the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD), which includes support to the implementation support units of both the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention and the Convention on Cluster Munitions. This also includes a contribution of **\$40,000** per year from **2022 to 2024** to the Sponsorship Program of the APMBC.

Madam President,

- We strongly encourage all States Parties to contribute to mine action, as they are able, including to the work of the Implementation Support Unit of the Convention, which is critical to the functioning of this legal instrument.

Thank you.