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Agenda Item 9 (a) Universalisation - Matters related to the mandate of the President

- Ireland strongly condemns all use of anti-personnel mines including of an improvised nature, which violate the norm against anti-personnel mines and the rights of civilians who are protected under international humanitarian law. The use of anti-personnel mines anywhere, anytime, and by any actor is unacceptable including in the war in Ukraine.
- This Convention represents the global norm against anti-personnel mines, a norm that has saved thousands of lives and spared countless of children, who constitute the majority of mine victims. It must not be compromised.
- Universalisation, stockpile destruction, and the clearance of contaminated areas, as well as survivor engagement and victim assistance are all crucial for the success of the Convention which require our collective effort and continuous support. The work to universalise the convention must continue.