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to the Conference on Disarmament

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Thank you, Mr. President,

At the outset, as this is the first time we take the floor, Israel would like to congratulate you, Ambassador Gobles, on your assumption of the presidency. Our gratitude to the team of the ISU as well. Israel is contented to attend the Meeting of States Parties of the Anti Personnel Mine Ban Convention as an observer.

Mr. President,

Israel is a High Contracting Party to the CCW and to Amended Protocol 2 on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-traps and Other Devices.

Moreover, Israel has undertaken additional concrete measures aimed at reducing the potential adverse consequences that may be associated with the use of anti-personnel landmines, and, in 1994, Israel unilaterally declared a moratorium on any export, sales or transfers of any type of anti-personnel mines. Since its initiation, the moratorium has been consistently extended for additional three-year periods and is currently in force until July 2026.

Mr. President,

Some of Israel's borders are protected, inter alia, by minefields, which aim to prevent incursions into Israel by armed forces, other militants or terrorists. The overall instability in the Middle East, requires Israel to be vigilant and prepared for hostile infiltrations to its territory. As long as terrorists continue jeopardizing Israel's security, the need to protect Israel's borders and population can neither be disregarded nor compromised.

Consequently, Israel continues to view landmines, including anti-personnel mines, as an essential defensive tool that is effective in deterring and preventing infiltration into its territory and threats to its security. At the same time, Israel recognizes the humanitarian importance of the issue and therefore conducts its activities in strict compliance with the provisions of Amended Protocol 2 of the CCW – including those that regulate monitoring, marking, fencing and recording – as well as submits its annual report on a regular basis.

I thank you,