

STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA

TWENTY FIRST MEETING OF THE STATES PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE USE, STOCKPILING, PRODUCTION AND TRANSFER OF ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES AND ON THEIR DESTRUCTION

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Mr. President,

1. Allow me to extend my heartfelt support and congratulations on your assumption of the esteemed role of President of the 21st Meeting of the States Parties.

➔ Indonesia earnestly wishes you resounding success and wants to assure you of our unwavering support and collaboration.

2. Since the Convention's inception in 1997, 164 States have become Parties, leading to the destruction of over 55 million anti-personnel mines.

3. Globally, mine clearance operations have achieved success, anti-personnel mines production has slowed, and prioritization of survivors' rights has been notable.

4. While we have achieved significant milestones, the task at hand is far from completion.

5. Challenges persist,

➔ including 33 states not party to the Convention,

➔ nearly 70 states and territories contaminated by 110 million landmines,

➔ and integrating mine victim support into national plans remains a formidable task.

6. Given these circumstances, it is imperative to:

➔ Strengthen our collective commitment.

→ Redouble our efforts to achieve a mine-free world by 2025, as outlined in the Oslo Declaration and Oslo Action Plan.

7. the significance of this goal has intensified, especially considering the rising number of civilian casualties, including women, children, and the elderly, witnessed daily, including in places like Gaza.

Mr. President,

8. Indonesia has been diligently contributing to fulfilling existing commitments:

→ No production or deployment of anti-personnel mines.

→ Since joining in 2007, Indonesia has destroyed..

- over 12,000 anti-personnel mines, constituting over 80% of our stockpile.

→ Currently, Indonesia retains only 2,050 anti-personnel mines for training purposes, in compliance with the Convention.

Mr. President,

9. To halt suffering caused by anti-personnel mines and protect people, we must take four crucial steps.

10. **FIRST, prioritize the universalization and effective implementation of the Convention.**

11. Indonesia places great importance on engaging with states not party to the Convention, urging their participation and endorsing concrete measures to support its objectives.

12. In this context, we commend states actively participating in numerous Convention meetings.

13. **SECOND, promote compliance and transparency.**

14. Ensuring compliance is vital for building confidence among States Parties.

15. To achieve this, we should persist in promoting transparency in reporting on mine clearance, stockpile destruction, and national measures.

16. **THIRD, enhance and support mine clearance efforts.**

17. Providing financial assistance to states affected by landmines will accelerate mine clearance programs.

18. We must strive for innovative finance solutions to address funding shortfalls and

→ improve the efficiency of all mine action stages.

19. **FOURTH, strengthen the capacity-building framework.**

20. Provide technical and financial assistance to states that need support in meeting their Convention obligations.

21. This assistance should be comprehensive, covering mine clearance, stockpile destruction, and the formulation of national implementation strategies.

Mr. President,

22. In conclusion, the destructive consequences of anti-personnel mines extend far beyond their immediate victims, affecting communities and hindering socio-economic development.

→ As responsible global citizens, we must redouble our efforts and collaborate relentlessly to eliminate this threat.

23. By dedicating ourselves to this cause, we contribute not only to a safer world but also pave the way for a more just global community where

→ the rights and security of every individual, including women, children, and the elderly, are safeguarded.

I thank you