

Check against delivery. / La version prononcée fait foi.

**STATEMENT BY CANADA**  
**APMBC 8<sup>th</sup> Pledging Conference, 24 March 2023**

Mr. President,

- My delegation congratulates you on your Presidency, and for Germany's initiative to hold the 8th 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 Minister Keul for her keynote address.

Mr. President,

- Canada remains a strong supporter of the Convention and its goals, as demonstrated by our \$450 million contribution to mine action around the world in the last two decades.
- Our current multi-year funding includes a total of over \$60M in operational mine action projects in the following countries:
  - Ethiopia;
  - Iraq;
  - Lao PDR;
  - Sri Lanka; and
  - Ukraine.
- Other initiatives are currently pending approval and will be announced as soon as they are confirmed.
- In addition to these commitments, Canada has committed \$4.1 million from 2022 to 2025 to provide 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.
- Canada has also contributed \$756,000 (2021 to 2023) to Mine Action Review via Norwegian People's Aid, to assist States Parties national authorities to take measurable actions to meet their commitments in the APMBC and the CCM.

Mr. President,

- Canada thanks the Implementation Support Unit of the Convention, which is critical to the functioning of this legal instrument. Canada is pleased to be making a multi-year contribution to the ISU, and we strongly encourage all States Parties to contribute to mine action, as they are able, including to the work of the ISU.

Thank you.