Intervention on behalf of
the Committee of Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance

H.E. Mr. Rongvdhi Virabutr
Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative

the 8th Annual Pledging Conference for the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention

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Mr. President,

1. As the Chair of the Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance for 2023, Thailand has the pleasure to work together with Algeria, Japan and the Netherlands. The Committee was established in order to assist and support the States Parties to effectively implement Article 6 the cooperation and assistance, as ending the suffering and casualties caused by anti-personnel mines is a shared commitment.

2. Cooperation and assistance have always been one of the main obligations indicated in the APMBC. The Oslo Action Plan, namely Actions 42-47, also provides reaffirmation of the importance of cooperation and assistance as a key to get us closer to the completion of the time-bound obligation.

3. To achieve such goals, the Committee had supported the Presidency of the 19th Meeting of State Parties, the Netherlands, in establishing the informal Cooperation and Assistance Fund (CAF). The Netherlands then made the first contribution of 20,000 Swiss Franc to the Fund.

4. The CAF, aims to promote the implementation of Action 47 of the Oslo Action Plan which encourages States Parties to “explore opportunities for cooperation”, including “cooperation between affected States Parties or South-to-South, with a view to voluntary sharing of best practices and lesson learned.”

5. The fund will provide opportunity for State Parties to apply for financial support to assist the sharing of best practices and lessons learnt through study visits or sponsoring of experts to third countries.

6. In this connection, as the CAF is funded through voluntary contributions, we wish to call upon those States and organizations that are in the position to do so to contribute to this Fund. Please contact ISU for further information on how you could make contribution to the Fund.

7. I thank you.

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