

**Statement of the Delegation of the
Republic of Indonesia
on the Universalization of the APMBC**

**Mr. President,
Excellencies,
Ladies, and Gentlemen,**

I would like to express my support and congratulations to you on assuming the role of President of the 21st Meeting of the States Parties. Indonesia wishes you great success and assures you of our full support and cooperation.

As one of the initial signatories and committed parties to the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention, Indonesia reiterates its dedication to the implementation of the Convention under your leadership.

Indonesia believes that the current efforts and framework must be strengthened to assist landmine victims, particularly women and children. To achieve this, state parties

should continue collaborating in mine-related activities, exchange best practices and lessons learned, and enhance technical cooperation.

Mr. President,

More than two decades have passed since the Convention's adoption in 1997, yet the promise to end the suffering and casualties caused by anti-personnel mines remains unfulfilled, with 33 states still not party to the Convention.

In this context, Indonesia highly appreciates your ongoing engagement with these states, urging them to join the Convention and encouraging concrete measures in support of its objectives.

Indonesia also acknowledges and commends those states for their involvement in numerous Convention meetings. Despite not being parties for various reasons, these states still recognize and to varying degrees

support the humanitarian goals of the Convention, emphasizing the severe consequences of anti-personnel mine use.

Furthermore, Indonesia emphasizes the importance of regional initiatives in aligning with the Convention's objectives, including the ASEAN Regional Mine Action Centre (ARMAC).

Established by ASEAN countries in September 2016, ARMAC serves as a center of excellence, providing research, knowledge, and awareness on the impact of explosive remnants of war, including landmines. It also facilitates collective efforts in addressing the humanitarian aspects of landmines and other remnants of war through experience sharing, skill training, and capacity building activities.

Mr. President,

In conclusion, with your continuous efforts, the participation of non-party states, and the

presence of regional initiatives, Indonesia remains optimistic that the universalization of the Convention will ultimately yield positive results.

Thank you, Mr. President.