

Statement of the Delegation of Thailand
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His Excellency, Mr. Ly Thuch, President of the Fifth Review Conference of the Anti – Personnel Mine Ban Convention,
Distinguished Representatives,
Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Thai Delegation, please allow me to **convey our sincere appreciation** to you, Mr. President, for your hard work and dedicated efforts in preparation for this Review Conference. Our appreciation also goes to the Government of Cambodia for the warm hospitality extended to us since our arrival in Siem Reap.

Mr. President,

Since its entry into force 25 years ago, the Convention has been a core pillar in prohibiting the use, stockpiling, production and transfer of anti-personnel mines, with a **noble cause of ending human suffering and returning safe land to the affected communities**.

As a State Party, **Thailand has been doing our utmost to fulfill commitments under the Convention with the goal of becoming mine-free**. We believe that only by pursuing this ambition, we can truly prevent humanitarian consequences resulting from landmines and ensure sustainable socio-economic development for our people.

While the near-universalization of the Convention is welcoming, **our work is not completed**. With growing number of casualties resulting from landmines, including their use by non-state actors, **the promotion of full and effective implementation of the Convention remains as urgent and relevant as ever**.

It is for this very reason that we are gathered at the Fifth Review Conference, to **take stock of past achievements, renew commitments and strengthen efforts and measures** toward achieving a mine-free world.

Mr. President,

For Thailand, **we are committed to fulfilling our obligations under the Convention on all fronts.** This includes the clearance of the remaining mine-affected areas, destruction of all stockpiles, provision of long-term assistance to mine victims and survivors, and upholding the spirit of cooperation with all States and relevant stakeholders.

Since 2019, Thailand has **destroyed and disposed all of our retained anti-personnel mines**, thereby marking a successful completion of our obligations under Article 4 of the Convention.

We are also strengthening our efforts on mine risk education, and victim assistance, which corresponds to our obligations under the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).

Looking ahead, we will continue to work with the **Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD)** in considering potential models for **residual contamination management** to ensure a safe and sustainable release of lands.

As for the clearance of contaminated areas, Thailand has already **cleared and returned more than 99 percent of safe land to the people.**

At present, there is **approximately 17 sq.km. of land along the border with our neighbor left to be cleared.** Despite various challenges, including difficult terrain and unpredictable weather conditions, Thailand is determined to continue our efforts in clearing anti-personnel mined areas.

This, we cannot do alone. Close cooperation with our neighbor and support from relevant partners are essential for its success.

Mr. President,

Given the borderless impact of anti-personnel mines, Thailand stresses **the importance of enhancing international cooperation and partnership in humanitarian demining efforts at both national and regional levels.**

On Thailand's part, we **strive to maintain a proactive role** in supporting the effective implementation of the Convention. During the last 5 years, Thailand has taken up roles on **various Committees under the Mine Ban Convention.** This includes **Chair of the Committee on Victims Assistance and the Committee on Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance** in 2021 and 2023

respectively. At present, Thailand is a **member of the Committee on Article 5** and appreciates the trust to have us taking the role of **the Committee's chairmanship in 2025**.

We also recognize the important role of the **Implementation Support Unit (ISU) in assisting State Parties of the Convention**. In this regard, Thailand has been consistent in **providing multi-year voluntary contributions** to the ISU since 2016. For fiscal year 2024, we have also made **a voluntary contribution of 10,000 Swiss Franc** to support the ISU's work.

On the broader regional context, we are strongly committed to enhancing cooperation and partnership in related landmines frameworks. This is demonstrated through our continued **support to ASEAN Regional Mine Action Center (ARMAC) in their operations** and to **making Thailand Mine Action Center (TMAC) a Center of Excellence** to share Thailand's best practices in addressing the problems of landmines and explosive remnants of war with interested ASEAN Members.

Mr. President,

In closing, Thailand wishes to **reaffirm our commitment to fulfilling all obligations under the Convention and stand ready to work with all countries and partners** in this endeavor.

We are also determined to fully implement the **Siem Reap - Angkor Declaration and Action Plan 2025-2029**. Let us steer forward this valuable momentum and **actualize our common vision of a mine-free world for the interest of the present and future generations and beyond**.

Thank you.

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