



STATEMENT BY TÜRKİYE
FIFTH REVIEW CONFERENCE OF STATE PARTIES TO THE
ANTI-PERSONNEL MINE BAN CONVENTION
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Thank you, Mr President,

Firstly, allow me to extend my heartfelt congratulations to you, Mr. President, on your assumption of the Presidency and through you, thank the authorities of the Kingdom of Cambodia for hosting this very important Conference and their generous hospitality.

I would also like to thank the Coordinating Committee Members and Implementation Support Unit for their tireless efforts to make this conference a smooth and successful one.

Mr President, distinguished participants,

Ottawa Convention is the cornerstone of international efforts to end the suffering and casualties caused by anti-personnel mines.

Despite its remarkable success, the Convention is directly affected by escalating geopolitical tensions, ongoing conflicts, and economic turbulence. Given that various disarmament and non-proliferation instruments are under tremendous strain, it is more crucial than ever to preserve and strengthen the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention.

We call on states not yet party to the Convention to join this unique instrument as soon as possible.

Mr President,

Türkiye takes her commitments to the Convention seriously and is determined to fulfill her obligations despite challenges and impeding circumstances.

Türkiye served as a member of the Committee on Cooperative Compliance from 2022 to 2023 and is now honoured to be a member of the Committee on Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance. Türkiye continues to financially support the Implementation Support Unit, which provides comprehensive assistance to all States Parties. We will continue supporting the Convention's Implementation Machinery in the coming years.

We submit our transparency reports in a detailed and timely manner and strongly urge other States Parties who have not done so to follow suit.

We strongly believe that establishing a voluntary trust fund to support affected States Parties for their legal and time-bound commitments under Article 5 of the Convention would also contribute to the Convention's universalization.

Thank you, Mr President.