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## **Fifth Review Conference of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention**

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### **BRAZIL'S INTERVENTIONS**

#### **Item 8(a) - UNIVERSALIZATION**

Mr. President,

Allow me to begin by extending heartfelt congratulations on the successful preparation and organization of this Conference. We would also like to express our sincere gratitude to the Kingdom of Cambodia for its generous hospitality and for welcoming us to this beautiful city, such a fitting venue.

It is an honor to address this assembly in support of the universalization of the Ottawa Convention, a pillar of humanitarian disarmament and a testament to the common will of States to mitigate unnecessary suffering and uphold human dignity. It reflects a fundamental recognition: the indiscriminate effects of anti-personnel mines cannot be

reconciled with the principles of international humanitarian law. Each accession to this instrument is a reaffirmation of our shared commitment to protect the most vulnerable and to advance a world free from the scourge of these weapons.

Brazil takes pride in its longstanding dedication to this cause. As one of the first signatories and ratifiers of the Convention, Brazil has consistently aligned its domestic policies with its principles. The destruction of our stockpiles, completed in 2003, underscores our resolute commitment to disarmament. With no minefields on our territory, Brazil's engagement in this Convention is both a matter of compliance and a manifestation of solidarity with those affected.

The progress achieved since the Convention's entry into force is undeniable. However, the ultimate goal remains elusive. The effectiveness of the Convention hinges on its expanded acceptance. Without the adherence of major stockpile holders and producers, our aspirations remain unfulfilled.

Brazil, therefore, reiterates its call for all non-party States to accede to the Convention. Legal commitments are indispensable for guaranteeing the security of all and for advancing international disarmament efforts.

We commend the latest States to join the Convention. Every accession strengthens the international consensus against these weapons.

Mr. President,

Brazil stands ready to engage constructively with all stakeholders to bring additional States into this framework.

Thank you.

## **Item 8(e)i – COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE**

Mr. President,

Allow me to begin by commending your leadership in advancing the goals of the Ottawa Convention. Brazil acknowledges your steadfast commitment to fostering cooperation under the Siem Reap Action Plan, an opportune instrument for guiding our efforts. We share your vision of a future free from the devastating impact of anti-personnel mines and stand ready to contribute to its full realization.

Brazil has a longstanding tradition of cooperation in mine action, which reflects our belief in the transformative power of solidarity. Over the decades, we have contributed personnel, expertise, and resources to advance the goals of this Convention, always guided by a deep sense of shared responsibility.

Since 1994, over 370 Officers from the Brazilian Army and Navy have participated in demining operations, most notably in South and Central America, as well as in Africa, under the aegis of the UN and of the Organization of American States. Most recently, from 2006 to 2023, Brazil engaged in a demining mission in Colombia, deploying 132 personnel and continuing to this day with training, quality management, and technical advisory roles.

Mr. President,

Brazil's journey in mine action illustrates an evolution from operational demining missions to the development of advanced technical expertise and training programs. This trajectory has culminated in the

establishment of the Brazilian Army's Engineering Instruction Center, a hub for knowledge dissemination and capacity building. The Center's advanced training programs are available to both national and foreign forces, fostering an environment of shared learning and collaboration.

Another cornerstone of our cooperation, the Sergio Vieira de Mello Center provides a Mine Action Internship and prepares military personnel to serve as instructors, monitors, and advisors under the auspices of the OAS.

Mr. President,

Brazil's decision to open its advanced training programs to the international community reflects our firm belief that the fight against landmines requires a common effort. Disseminating expertise and technical skills empowers all nations to confront the enduring challenges posed by landmines.

Brazil reaffirms its commitment to fostering dialogue and collaborative action. By sharing expertise and building on the collective strength of our diverse experiences, we can address the devastating legacy of anti-personnel mines and move closer to achieving our shared vision of a mine-free world.

Thank you.