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**Mr. President,
Excellencies, and
Distinguished Delegates,**

We welcome the continued increase in the number of states parties to the Convention since the last review cycle. However, the commitment to alleviate the suffering and casualties caused by anti-personnel mines remains unfulfilled, as 33 states have yet to join the Convention. Alarming, six of these states are estimated to collectively possess tens of millions of stockpiled antipersonnel mines.

Recent reports indicate that some states not party to the Convention have engaged in the new use of anti-personnel mines, while various armed non-state actors continue to use, stockpile, and produce these weapons. These developments are deeply concerning and highlight the urgent need for action.

Mr. President,

Universalization of the Convention must remain a priority. Efforts to promote further ratifications and strengthen the norms of the Convention must be sustained.

Indonesia expresses its deepest gratitude to you, Mr. President, for your tireless efforts to engage with non-States Parties, urging them to join the Convention and take tangible

steps aligned with its objectives. We also extend our appreciation to those non-States Parties that have actively participated in meetings of the Convention.

While some states remain outside the Convention for various reasons, many of them acknowledge and endorse its humanitarian goals to varying degrees and recognize the grave consequences of anti-personnel mine use.

Mr. President,

Indonesia underscores the importance of regional initiatives in advancing the goals of the Convention. A notable example is the ASEAN Regional Mine Action Centre (ARMAC).

Established in September 2016, ARMAC serves as a center of excellence created by ASEAN states to assist member states through research, knowledge sharing, and raising awareness about the devastating impacts of explosive remnants of war, including landmines.

ARMAC also plays a vital role in addressing the humanitarian challenges posed by landmines and other remnants of war through experience sharing, capacity-building initiatives, and skills training. Indonesia remains steadfast in its support for ARMAC and other regional and international initiatives that align with the Convention's objectives.

In conclusion, Mr. President,

Under your able leadership, the active engagement of non-States Parties, and the valuable contributions of regional initiatives, Indonesia remains optimistic that the universalization of the Convention will gain further momentum.

Until that goal is realized, Indonesia reaffirms its commitment to working collaboratively with other States Parties to advance universalization efforts in all relevant forums.

Thank you.