



**Intervention of Bangladesh by Mr. Toufique Hasan**  
**on**  
**Agenda Item 8b: Destroying stockpiled anti-personnel mines**  
**Fifth Review Conference of the Anti-personal Landmines Convention**

**Mr. President,**

My delegation has taken note of the views made at the document number APLC/conf/2024/4 regarding the retention of the small number of landmines by Bangladesh for permitted purposes in accordance with Article 3 of the Convention.

**Mr. President,**

We would like to inform, once again, this conference that our commitment to disarmament is unwavering and unflinching. Our actions with regard to disarmament are guided by our genuine respect for human dignity and humanitarian principles. Upholding and advancing the International Humanitarian Laws and ensuring its full implementation continue to remain an imperative for Bangladesh.

With that spirit, Bangladesh has joined the global efforts towards achieving a mine-free world. As one of the leading contributors to the UN Peacekeeping Operations, Bangladesh Peacekeepers have played important roles in clearing mines in Ethiopia, Eritrea and Sudan and thereby, saving valuable lives. We have also rendered our expertise through bilateral cooperation, as our Armed Forces has demined more than 8000 sq Km area in Kuwait in the last 33 years. In doing so, many of our Peacekeepers and armed forces personnels have lost their lives and others have suffered serious injuries.

**Mr. President,**

My delegation would like to assure you and this Conference that the amount of landmines we are in possession of, is the minimum number that is absolutely required to train our armed forces personnels for developing expertise in mine actions.

Thank you, Mr. President.