

**Statement by the Delegation of Thailand,
On agenda item 8 Review of the operation and status of the Convention
(e) Clearing mined areas
in capacity of incoming Chair
at the Siem-Reap Angkor Summit the 5th APMBC Review Conference
on 26 November 2024 (tentatively afternoon session)**

Mr. President,

Thailand wishes to thank Colombia for its Chairmanship, Sweden and the UK for their contribution to work of the Committee this year.

We are honoured to be entrusted with the role of the Chair right after the Fifth Review Conference and looking forward to work together with Algeria and Norway, the to-be elected members, next year.

2025 will be important year, as we begin to implement the Siem Reap Angkor Action Plan. We hope that together with the Committee members, we will be able to makes significant progress, especially in the following prioritized aspects:

1. We are determined to **get demining activities back on track** by supporting States Parties to meet their deadlines or moving closer to their clearance completion through evidence-based, costed, context-specific, and time-bound national strategies and workplans. With this, we hope that it will **reduce a number of States submitting their consecutive extension requests** in the future.
2. We intend to **strengthen our collaboration with the Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance**. We, therefore, welcome the President's proposal to include and "supporting the Committee on Article 5 Implementation in the analysis of extension requests" in the Cooperation and Assistance Committee's mandate.
3. We will **continue our engagement with all stakeholders, including international organizations, civil society and partners in the fields, as well as an on-going dialogue with the governments** of States Parties under the Article 5 obligation which will be critical to making progress on the ground.

4. The Committee will continue working with States Parties to **ensure that their Article 7 reports have detailed information on matters related to Article 5 obligations** and include information on its gender and diversity mainstreaming efforts in line with commitments renewed during this Review Conference.
5. On the proposed inclusion of mine risk education, as well as environmental consideration into the Committee's mandate, the Committee will **work together with all stakeholders to ensure that mine action activities will be advanced hand in hand with the 2030 Agenda** for Sustainable Development, as well as **the Women, Peace and Security Agenda**.

Mr. President,

Thailand looks forward **to furthering our common agenda and realizing the objectives of the Convention** to end the suffering and casualties caused by anti-personnel mines. We stand ready to support of the incoming Chair, Japan and will always be **open for engagement and consultation with all stakeholders**.

Lastly, Thailand would like to also thank Cambodia, the President, for its leadership and for bringing the Convention back to the Region.

Thank you.

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