

Fifth Review Conference
Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention

Cooperation and Assistance

Statement by Finland

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Mr President,

As this is the first time Finland is taking the floor, I would like to begin by expressing our appreciation to the Chair and the team for the hard work during your Presidency. You have our full support. In addition to the statements made by the European Union, I would like to make some remarks in our national capacity.

Finland has been a steadfast supporter of Humanitarian Mine Action for over thirty years. Our comprehensive approach comprises all five pillars of humanitarian mine action: clearance, risk education, victim assistance, stockpile destruction and advocacy. We stress the importance of including a gender perspective into all stages of mine action activities.

Finland supports mine action organisations through multi-annual framework agreements. For the period of 2021-2025, Finland is supporting Humanitarian Mine Action projects with 15 million euros in total. Our support is directed towards work in Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Somalia and Ukraine. We are currently planning our next funding cycle. We continue to plan our support multiannually, to improve predictability of funding and to lower administrative costs.

Mr President,

I would also like to thank the staff of the Implementation Support Unit for their excellent work. Finland has continued to support the ISU, through voluntary financial contributions, again this year. We encourage other States Parties to also continue their support, in order to ensure ISU's sustained operations.

I would like to conclude by giving appreciation towards the extraordinary courage and dedication of the humanitarian demining community. Our partnerships with international and non-governmental organisations are crucial in ensuring that our support has a maximum effect in the field.

Thank you, Mr President.