



## **Remarks for Closing Session**

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- **Esteemed Colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Let me begin by extending my congratulations to the Republic of Ghana for the remarkable success in hosting this significant regional conference.

As our enlightening conference draws to a close, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey we have shared over these past days.

Together, we have explored deep into the challenges and opportunities in our continued fight against anti-

personnel mines, particularly the improvised ones that threaten our progress towards peace and safety.

We have exchanged insights on how to enhance the implementation of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention.

We have been privileged to witness compelling presentations, actively engage in substantive discussions, and cultivate impactful partnerships that stand to fortify our joint initiatives.

I would like to extend my earnest gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Ghana for graciously hosting us and to the European Union for their indispensable assistance.

Both entities have played essential roles in transforming this vision into a tangible reality.

My special acknowledgment is due to the ISU and National Commission on Small Arms and Light Weapons who orchestrated the success of this conference.

Heartfelt appreciation is also reserved for the insightful speakers, who generously shared their expertise, and for

all participants who brought passion and innovative ideas to these discussions.

As we prepare to depart, let us carry forward the spirit of collaboration and commitment that has characterized our time together.

The path ahead is long and filled with challenges, but with the partnerships and strategies we have built here, I am confident in our ability to continue making steps towards our goal.

Let this conference not be an end but a milestone in our ongoing journey.

I encourage you to keep the conversations going, to apply what we've learned, and to keep striving for the better implementation of the Convention.

As emphasized by H.E. Senior Minister Ly Thuch, President of the Convention, during the opening ceremony, Cambodia is set to host the Siem Reap-Angkor Summit from 25th to 29th November in Siem Reap.

Notably, the insights gained from this Ghana conference, particularly the outcomes of Session C1 group discussion

this morning, will serve as a significant input for the review of the Oslo Action Plan and the formulation of the Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan.

With the support of ISU, an Informal Meeting is scheduled for 4 March at Palais des Nations in Geneva to delve into these substantive documents for the Siem Reap-Angkor Summit.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment and enthusiasm.

I wish you all safe travels back home and look forward to the next time we can come together, sharing further progress and celebrating new achievements, hopefully at the Siem Reap-Angkor Summit in November.

Thank you.