



Statement by Türkiye

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Thank you, Madam President,

Türkiye aligns itself with the statement delivered on behalf of the European Union and in our national capacity, we would like to share the following remarks.

At the outset, let me add my voice to others in thanking you, your team and the ISU for convening the Tenth Pledging Conference today. We extend our special thanks to other Coordination Committee members and Australia as the coordinator of the sponsorship program.

I also commend the former Presidency of Cambodia for its outstanding work in holding a successful 5th Review Conference.

Madam President,

Ottawa Convention remains the cornerstone of international efforts to eliminate the suffering and casualties caused by anti-personnel mines.

Our shared goal is to eradicate the devastating impact of these mines, which kill or maim, predominantly civilians, particularly children.

Despite its remarkable achievements, the Convention faces significant challenges due to rising geopolitical tensions, ongoing conflicts, and economic uncertainties.

Given that various disarmament and non-proliferation instruments are under tremendous strain, it is more crucial than ever to uphold and reinforce the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention.

We call on States that have not yet joined the Convention to do so at the earliest opportunity.

Madam President,

Türkiye remains steadfast in fulfilling its commitments under the Ottawa Convention.

We are pleased to continue supporting the Convention's Implementation Machinery as a member of the Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance.

As part of the very first study visit financed by the Cooperation and Assistance Fund (CAF), representatives from the newly established Nigerian Mine Action Centre visited Turkish Mine Action Center (TURMAC) between 2 and 8 November 2024. During this visit, our mine action center was introduced, and our experiences were shared with the delegation.

Eight working sessions were conducted, covering key topics such as mine clearance planning and execution, information management tools, land release activities, victim assistance, and explosive ordnance risk education (EORE). Additionally, four humanitarian demining related facilities were visited. We hope this visit serves as a model for sharing best practices among States Parties.

Türkiye will continue to support the countries in need of capacity development.

Madam President,

Türkiye has consistently provided voluntary financial contributions to support the effective functioning of this forum.

I am pleased to announce that in 2025, we will continue to support both the ISU and the sponsorship program.

We encourage all States Parties to contribute to mine action, particularly the work of the ISU, which is essential for the effective implementation of the Convention, and the sponsorship program, which ensures broad participation from mine-affected countries in Convention-related meetings.

Moreover, we strongly believe that establishing a voluntary trust fund to support affected States Parties struggling to secure international assistance for their legal and time-bound commitments under Article 5 of the Convention would further strengthen the Convention's universalization. We commend Norway for taking the lead in exploring the feasibility of such a fund.

Finally, we extend our sincere appreciation to ISU Director Mr. Juan Carlos Ruan and his team for their dedication. Türkiye remains committed to constructive cooperation in advancing the Convention's objectives.

Thank you, Madam President.