



Permanent Mission of Italy to
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General exchange of views

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Madam President,

I would like to thank you for your efforts to ensure a successful 22nd meeting of States Parties. This is not just an opportunity to formally assess the state of implementation of the APMBC's provisions. It is a meeting taking place against the backdrop of a seriously deteriorated security environment when several countries have felt compelled to take measures that have placed a strain on the Convention.

Last year in Siem Reap, we renewed our commitment to the Convention through the Political Declaration and the Action Plan, providing a clear roadmap to strengthen its implementation in the years ahead. Italy remains fully committed to fulfilling all its obligations under the Convention and to putting an end to the suffering caused by anti-personnel mines. We call on States that are not a party to the Convention to join it without delay. We also call on all States Parties to continue upholding all the norms of the Convention, even under the most difficult security circumstances. In the current context of heightened tensions and conflicts, the objective of a world free of anti-personnel mines has in fact become more urgent than ever.

We share the deep concern of the international community over the continued use of these heinous weapons and over the evolving trends in the acquisition of technologies and know-how used to assemble and deploy improvised conventional weapons.

Italy attaches great importance to assisting victims, their families and affected communities, from immediate physical rehabilitation to long-term psychological support, risk education, and social and economic reintegration. It is essential that victim assistance be integrated into broader development, human rights and humanitarian programmes, with particular attention to gender and diversity. These are key principles guiding Italy's Development Cooperation.

Finally, Italy reiterates the importance of ensuring the financial stability of the Convention and of its Implementation Support Unit. We fully support your efforts, Madam President, to improve the Convention's financial situation during your tenure, and we call on all States Parties to pay their assessed contributions in full and on time.

Thank you, Madam President.