

**Twenty-Second Meeting of States Parties to the
Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention
01-05 December 2025**

Agenda Item 7: General Exchange of Views

Madam President,

The delegation of Jamaica, at the outset, would like to congratulate you for your excellent leadership as President of the Twenty-second Meeting of States Parties. We also wish to commend the ISU for its continued diligence and unwavering dedication in facilitating the effective implementation of the Convention.

The Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention has long served as the premier instrument for eliminating the global use of Anti-Personnel Mines, which has effectively curtailed their devastating effects on human life and contributed to the upholding of global humanitarian norms.

We are encouraged by the latest States that have signed the Convention, namely the Marshall Islands and the Kingdom of Tonga, with the latter celebrating its entry into force two days ago. Jamaica calls upon other States which have not yet done so to ratify the Convention.

With the rising conflicts around the world, upholding the tenets of the Convention becomes even more crucial given the catastrophic humanitarian impact of mines. It is the only way to ensure the protection and survival of humanity and to guarantee an end to the suffering and casualties caused by anti-personnel mines. Jamaica, therefore, welcomes the Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan, 2025-2029, which presents the roadmap for the implementation and universalisation of the Convention by Sixth Review Conference (RevCom) in 2029, as well as the ambition of achieving a mine free world to the fullest extent possible by the Conference.

Madam President, there are no landmines in use in Jamaica. The current legislation used to govern landmines is the Gunpowder and Explosives (GPE) Act with plans to make amendments to update and strengthen its provisions. The Government of Jamaica remains committed to advancing this process. In addition, we are proud that the Latin America and Caribbean Region remains a declared Zone of Peace, and that the Convention has been universalised in the Region.

My delegation welcomes the thematic panel on capacity building in view of its critical role in building sustainable national capacities to coordinate, regulate, and manage national mine action programmes. International cooperation is of greater significance now than at any time in recent memory. We, therefore, support the call for enhanced and coordinated cooperation among all stakeholders, including International partners and civil society, to ensure a world free of mines.

In this connection, we welcome the discussions underway to establish 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.

As we look forward to the future work of the Convention, we wish to congratulate Zambia and Belgium who will preside over the 23rd and 24th MSPs respectively and wish them every success during their tenure.

In closing Madam President, Jamaica reaffirms its dedication to the cause of peace and security in line with the principles of the UN Charter and International Law, including international humanitarian law (IHL), and in acknowledgement of our shared humanity, commits to collective efforts to building a safer world, defined by peace, prosperity and dignity for all.