

**Twenty-Second Meeting of the States Parties
of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention**

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**Agenda item 7. General exchange of views
National Statement by Sweden**

Madam President,

Sweden congratulates you on your appointment as President of this meeting and assure you of our full support in your efforts to strengthen the Convention.

Sweden aligns itself with the statements by the European Union. Please allow me to add a few remarks in our national capacity.

The Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention is a key achievement for disarmament, international humanitarian law, and peace and security. Sweden stands behind the Convention which combines a strong global norm against the use of anti-personnel mines with a commitment to end the suffering and casualties caused by these weapons, while enabling social development.

We warmly welcome the Marshall Islands and Tonga as new State Parties, their accession is a meaningful step towards full universalisation of the Convention.

Madam, President

Considering the humanitarian goals of the Convention, we must address Russia's unjustifiable and illegal war of aggression against Ukraine - a flagrant violation of international law, including the UN Charter. Sweden condemns Russia's aggression and demands that Russia immediately and unconditionally withdraws from the territory of Ukraine. Russia's war of aggression has left Ukraine one of the most mine-contaminated countries in the world.

International assistance is a key part of this Convention. Sweden continues to support several States and partners in clearing mines, raising awareness, supporting victims, educating on risks, building capacity and advocating for mine action. Joint efforts remain crucial for international peace and security, and to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. National ownership, political will and the use of innovative technology are key to achieving long-term success.

In response to Russia's aggression, we will continue to scale up our support to mine action in Ukraine. Since 2022, Sweden has provided more than 47 million dollars to these efforts. Our current five-year strategy with Ukraine, supports work to clear and map contaminated areas and provide victim assistance.

Madam President,

Sweden remains a firm champion of gender equality. By applying a gender perspective to arms control, disarmament, and non-proliferation, we can improve our collective work and contribute to international peace and security. We strongly welcome the promotion of synergies between the Women, Peace and Security agenda and the Convention as one of the priorities of Japan's Presidency.

Sweden reiterates the significance of ensuring financial stability of the Convention and the ISU. Sweden is a long-standing contributor to the ISU, and we look forward to continuing our support for their important work.

Finally, Sweden emphasizes the importance that all state parties submit their annual national reports in accordance with the Convention. Transparency is essential to ensure effective implementation.