



STATEMENT BY THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES AT THE TWENTY SECOND MEETING OF STATE PARTIES OF THE CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE USE, STOCKPILING, PRODUCTION AND TRANSFER OF ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES AND ON THEIR DESTRUCTION

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b.i) Clearing mined areas - Conclusions and recommendations related to the mandate of the Committee on Article 5 Implementation (Perú)

Thank you, Madame. President.

On behalf of Secretary General Albert Ramdin, I am honored to reaffirm the commitment of the Organization of American States to supporting Peru in its efforts to promote peace, security, and sustainable development in territories affected by antipersonnel mines. This commitment has been reiterated by the OAS General Assembly through multiple resolutions, reflecting our shared aspiration to advance the goal of an antipersonnel-landmine-free Hemisphere.

We congratulate Peru for the significant progress in its mine-action efforts. The country has advanced in updating its national standards, applying diverse techniques for quality control of cleared areas, and facilitating cooperation meetings aimed at mobilizing the resources required to fulfill its obligations. As noted in the extension request presented last year in Siem Reap which clearly outlined the challenges Peru continues to face, it will require until 2029 to complete its Article 5 commitments, provided that planned activities proceed as expected and that its requests for cooperation and assistance are met.

In this regard, I wish to reiterate the commitment of the General Secretariat of the OAS to support Peru in this endeavor. Through our AICMA program, we stand ready to assist Peru, as needed, in mobilizing the technical and financial cooperation required to help the country achieve its goal of becoming mine-free by 2029.

We also encourage member states, permanent observers, international organizations, and the broader international community to continue providing their technical and financial support for ongoing mine-action efforts. Such cooperation is essential to achieve the 2029 goal and help make the Americas the first region in the world to be free of antipersonnel landmines.

Thank you very much.