

**Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention
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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF BRAZIL

ITEM 9.C - COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE

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Many thanks, Madam President,

International cooperation lies at the very heart of the Antipersonnel Mine Ban Convention as an essential condition of its viability.

Brazil has long understood this imperative and has, over the past decades, embedded solidarity into the core of its mine action policies.

Since 1994, more than 370 Brazilian military officers - drawn from both the Army and the Navy - have participated in humanitarian demining missions in South and Central America and in Africa, under the auspices of the United Nations and the Organization of American States.

Brazil's most enduring contribution has been its sustained engagement in support of demining efforts in Colombia: from 2006 to 2023, 132 personnel were deployed in the field, with ongoing efforts in training, quality management, and technical assistance.

Madam Chair,

A cornerstone of Brazil's efforts in this field has been the transformation of the Brazilian Army's Engineering Instruction Center into a regional hub for knowledge transfer and professional training in mine action. Its programmes - open to both domestic and foreign participants - aim not only at training deminers but also at creating enduring networks of competence and trust.

The Sérgio Vieira de Mello Center for Peace Operations Training, named in honor of one of Brazil's most distinguished international civil servants, serves as another pillar of this cooperative architecture. Through its Mine Action Internship Programme, the Center prepares

military personnel to serve as instructors, monitors, and advisors within the inter-American system.

Such initiatives are a demonstration of our understanding that mine action can only succeed when knowledge circulates and when capacities are shared. Brazil's decision to open its training programs to international participants reflects this conviction.

Madam President,

In a field where the challenges are often protracted and complex, the promise of a mine-free world can only be achieved by pooling our resources, exchanging lessons learned, and building and sustaining links of cooperation and assistance.

Thank you.