

**Statement**  
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**on Agenda Item 9 C Cooperation and Assistance:**  
**Conclusions and Recommendations**  
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**to Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention (APMBC)**  
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Madam President,

1. At the outset, I wish to express appreciation to **Denmark and Turkey** for their leadership of the **Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance**, and to **all Committee members** for their dedicated efforts in advancing our shared objectives under the APMBC.
2. Thailand continues to advance its mine action agenda with **strong determination**. We have been working closely with partners, including **the Norwegian People's Aid, the Golden West Humanitarian Foundation, and the Governments of Norway, United States and Japan**, whose cooperation and assistance have been instrumental to our national efforts.
3. As a result, as of early 2025, Thailand has cleared **over 99.5 percent of mine-contaminated areas in the country** – down to **12.8 sq.km. along our border with Cambodia**. We are determined to **reduce this remaining area to zero**. This goal can only be achieved through **effective and sustained cooperation with Cambodia** – to ensure that **these critical mine clearance operations can proceed without delay**.
4. At the same time, we are determined to **resurvey our territory — particularly along areas affected by recent tensions** — to identify any newly contaminated areas. This will ensure that all such areas are also cleared for humanitarian purposes.
5. In this regard, we would also like to thank **the International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL)** for its kind assistance in conducting assessments in the **newly contaminated areas** and of **the landmine incidents** that occurred since July this year.

Madam President,

6. Thailand wishes to highlight the following key considerations for enhancing **international cooperation and assistance** under the Convention:

7. First, **cooperation and assistance, to be truly meaningful and effective, must align with the priorities of affected States Parties and needs of affected communities and victims**, taking into account gender, age, disability, and other considerations to ensure that support is responsive to particular needs.

8. Second, **effective cooperation and assistance, together with strong national ownership must be complementary** in building sustainable national capacities. This requires robust national coordination and regular dialogue to ensure policy coherence and full alignment with the Convention obligations.

9. Third, central to these efforts are the regular **exchange of information and dialogue** among stakeholders. In Thailand, **the Thai Civilian Deminer Association**, and other international partners, as well as affected communities and various government agencies, remain in regular consultation to ensure that mine action is inclusive, effective and transparent.

10. Fourth, even after the clearance is completed, **cooperation and assistance remain important**, in particular in case of **newly contaminated areas**, where support may be required for **expertise on new types of plastic mines**, and for providing mine risk education for the local communities.

11. Lastly, as reaffirmed in the Siem-Reap Ankor Action Plan, donors play an important role in successful mine operation, we encourage donors and other demining partners to **promote a culture or ethics of compliance to the Convention in all aspects**. So, we could ensure that all efforts of donors and receiving States contribute only to a good cause.

Madam President,

12. Thailand also **cooperate and assist** both States Parties and non-States Parties by sharing our best practices throughout the region and beyond. Our objective is to **ensure that the cooperation and assistance we provide** – whether technical, financial, or operational – **lead to tangible outcomes** on the ground.

13. This spirit of cooperation is exemplified by the establishment of Thailand's **Center of Excellence on Humanitarian Demining** on May 27, 2025. The Center serves as the primary venue for landmine-removal training, with plans to expand its mission to support international mine action organizations.

Madam President,

14. Enhancement of cooperation and assistance is key to addressing many challenges under the Convention. Thailand, as an incoming member of the **Committee on Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance for 2026-2027**, stands ready to work with all partners to advance the cause of a safer, mine-free world.

Thank you.

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