

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

STATEMENT

Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention

22ND MEETING OF THE STATE PARTIES

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Consideration of the general status and operation of the Convention

**Agenda Item 9 c) Cooperation and Assistance: Conclusions and
recommendations related to the mandate of the Committee on the
Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance**

Thank you, Madam President. Your excellencies. We wish to express our gratitude to the Coordinating Committee – Denmark, Türkiye, Cameroon, and Switzerland – for the work that they have conducted to further advance the work towards implementing Article 6 among States Parties.

Since 2014, the UK has primarily delivered mine action through the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office's Global Mine Action Programme, or GMAP. We are currently in our third iteration - GMAP3. Since the Intersessional, and following the ceasefire in Gaza, the UK is pleased to confirm that GMAP has concluded a new £4M agreement with the United Nations Mine Action Service – UNMAS – to surge mine action support to assist the increasing humanitarian response. Our existing country programmes continue to make good progress in Afghanistan, Angola, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Ukraine, and Zimbabwe. Additionally, our High Commission is funding UNMAS to deliver mine action interventions in Nigeria. Our local missions have also funded MAG's work in Mauritania and Sri Lanka over the past year.



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Between the start of GMAP3 in April 2023, and end September 2025 we have cleared and released over 35,600m² of land, destroying over 16,000 anti-personnel mines for over 166,000 beneficiaries. Between July and September this year, 79% of surveyed beneficiaries reported improved livelihoods. Since April 2023, we have also delivered explosive ordnance risk education to over 822,000 direct beneficiaries. Between July and September this year, 85% of beneficiaries surveyed reported behaving in a safer manner following risk education.

The UK continues to advocate for innovative finance mechanisms with potential to bring in additional funding and deliver stronger outcomes for communities. Through GMAP we are co-funding the new innovative finance secretariat within the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining. We acknowledge the excellent progress GICHD is making on the detailed design for a frontloading mechanism for the mine action sector, as highlighted at the recent Ukraine Mine action Conference in Tokyo during the innovative finance plenary session.

Our well-established development impact bond pilot project in Cambodia with APOPO continues to evolve, including through the diversification of agricultural produce to improve food security. The Cambodia pilot continues to deliver increased incomes for the farmers involved. Our newer innovative finance pilot in Northeast Syria, working through Danish Church Aid, is operational in a proof-of-concept phase, and has started to clear land and to provide additional livelihood support in both rural and urban environments. We are pursuing expressions of interest for collaborations for both projects and remain open to exploring new partnership options with Governments and private sector organisations.

Through GMAP the UK is supporting national authorities, local communities and the delivery of the Siem Reap Angkor Action Plan.

Thank you, Madam President