



# ASEAN Regional Mine Action Center (ARMAC)

## INTERVENTION

### AGENDA ITEM 9(c): COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE: CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED TO THE MANDATE OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE ENHANCEMENT OF COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE

Madame President,

1. Mandated by ASEAN Leaders and established as a regional centre of excellence, ARMAC serves as ASEAN's regional hub for cooperation, coordination, and knowledge sharing in humanitarian mine action. Our mandate directly supports the implementation of Article 6 of the Convention and contributes to the Siem Reap–Angkor Action Plan, particularly Actions 40 to 45 on enhancing cooperation and assistance.

**Over the past year, ARMAC has advanced regional cooperation in four key areas:**

2. **First – strengthening operational capacity through regional partnerships:**  
Under the ASEAN regional initiative on enhancing operational capacity, ARMAC has supported coordination between national authorities and technical partners on the provision of essential equipment, capacity strengthening, and alignment of national needs with partner support. This reflects ASEAN's commitment to practical, needs-driven cooperation.
3. **Second – integrating mine action within broader development and resilience frameworks:**  
In line with ASEAN Community Vision 2045 and the ASEAN Political-Security Community Blueprint, ARMAC encourages Member States to link mine action with sustainable development, social protection, rehabilitation services, and community resilience. This approach supports long-term national systems rather than short-term project cycles.
4. **Third – promoting standards, data systems, and technical learning:**  
In partnership with technical institutions, including the GICHD, ARMAC supports national efforts on national mine action standards, information management, and policy alignment. This also includes ARMAC's work toward establishing a

Regional Information Hub to enhance data exchange and support evidence-based planning.

**5. Fourth – fostering regional solidarity and capacity building:**

ARMAC continues to convene cross-border exchanges, regional workshops, and policy dialogues that promote South–South cooperation and strengthen national implementation capacities. These activities reinforce ASEAN’s commitment to shared responsibility and collective progress in mine action.

**Madame President,**

6. ARMAC reaffirms its commitment to contributing to the Convention’s implementation through regional platforms, technical support, and shared learning. We remain dedicated to promoting cooperative approaches, capacity development, and dialogue that reflect ASEAN’s principles of inclusivity, mutual respect, and shared responsibility.
7. We also wish to express our sincere appreciation to ASEAN Member States and all our donors and partners for their continued trust and support — including, among others, the Republic of Korea, the People’s Republic of China, New Zealand, Italy, and Canada and all the partners— which enable ARMAC to advance regional capacity development and strengthen national systems across the region.
8. In this regard, ARMAC also welcomes opportunities to engage with States and partners within and beyond the ASEAN region—sharing experiences, exchanging good practices, and exploring areas of mutual cooperation in support of our shared humanitarian goals.
9. As ASEAN’s regional hub for mine action cooperation, ARMAC stands ready to deepen collaboration, enhance knowledge exchange, and continue supporting States Parties and affected communities through practical, inclusive, and sustainable partnerships.

**Thank you, Madame President.**