

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

ITEM 9.F - UNIVERSALIZATION

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Madam President,

My Delegation associates itself to the joint statement delivered by Mexico under this agenda item and wishes to share some additional remarks in its national capacity.

Madam President,

The strength of our Convention lies in the clarity of its prohibitions, the coherence of its humanitarian rationale, and the breadth of its political support. These elements are interdependent. To weaken one is to undermine all.

Therefore, the regime established by this Convention must not be weakened, curtailed, or conditioned for reasons of short-term military expediency.

The imperative of universalization should thus be understood as an appeal to those outside the regime and as a reaffirmation by those within.

Brazil commends the States that have recently joined the Convention, namely the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Kingdom of Tonga. Their accession sends a powerful message of human dignity and responsible statehood.

However, Brazil regrets that earlier this year, five States have decided to withdraw from the Convention. While it is their sovereign right to do so, such withdrawals represent a clear step backwards for the promotion of international humanitarian law and for the protection of civilians. We invite these States to continue to engage with the Convention with a view to reconsidering their decision.

Brazil also analyzed the notification by another State Party of its decision to “suspend” the application of its obligations under the Convention.

Such possibility is explicitly rejected by the instrument, whose Article 1 stipulates that the prohibitions established therein must apply “at all times and under all circumstances”.

Furthermore, Article 20 determines that any withdrawal would only take effect six months after formal notification and only after the end of any armed conflict the withdrawing Party might be involved in.

For these reasons, Brazil does not recognize the validity of any decision to “suspend” the obligations established by the Anti-Personnel Mine-Ban Convention.

Brazil remains ready to engage with all partners in efforts to broaden the reach and effectiveness of this landmark treaty.

Thank you.