



**TWENTY-SECOND MEETING OF THE STATES PARTIES OF THE CONVENTION ON THE  
PROHIBITION OF THE USE, STOCKPILING, PRODUCTION AND TRANSFER OF ANTI-  
PERSONNEL MINES AND ON THEIR DESTRUCTION**

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**Statement by Germany under Agenda item 9 f) – *Universalizing the Convention***

Madam President,

I would like to congratulate and thank you, Madam President, for exercising this responsibility in what are undeniably challenging times for our Convention. Your leadership is essential to strengthening the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention, and to ensuring that it continues to deliver on its humanitarian promise. I would like to assure you of the full cooperation and support of my delegation.

Germany fully aligns itself with the statements to be delivered by the European Union. I would like to add some additional remarks in my national capacity.

Madam President,

The Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention stands as a cornerstone of humanitarian arms control. Germany remains fully committed to the goals and obligations of the Convention. We wish to express our sincere appreciation to the ISU for its tireless work, as well as to the Convention's Special Envoys, His Royal Highness Prince Mired

Raad Al-Hussein of Jordan, and Her Royal Highness Princess Astrid of Belgium, for their continued engagement and dedication.

Colleagues,

Germany condemns Russia's brutal war of aggression against Ukraine, Russia's unacceptable daily violations of international humanitarian law, and Russia's large-scale use of anti-personnel landmines in Ukraine in the strongest possible terms. The announced withdrawal from the Convention by the Baltic States, Poland, and Finland, and Ukraine's announcement to suspend the operation of the Convention underline the threats and challenges Russia's war of aggression poses to the Convention, to the international arms control architecture in general and to security and stability in Europe and beyond.

Madam President,

Despite these challenges, the importance of the Convention and its humanitarian objectives cannot be overstated. Global funding for mine action, which according to the Landmine Monitor in 2024 surpassed one billion dollars, underlines the importance the international community attaches to addressing the humanitarian consequences of APMs. The strong support expressed in the UN General Assembly resolution calling for the universalisation and full implementation of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention demonstrates that the global community continues to stand behind the Convention and its life-saving norms. Russia was the only country to oppose it – once again underlining its disdain for the humanitarian objectives of the APMBC.

Madam President,

Germany warmly welcomes the recent accessions of the Marshall Islands and Tonga to the Convention, which underscore that its humanitarian principles retain their relevance and compelling moral force.

Madam President,

The challenges which the APMBC is facing must not discourage us. Rather, they should motivate us to intensify our universalization efforts. Germany remains firmly committed to supporting the Convention's reach and effectiveness. In 2025, Germany provided 50,000 euros to the ISU and an additional 50,000 euros to the Sponsorship Programme to facilitate a broad and inclusive participation in Convention meetings. We encourage all States Parties to contribute as well, in line with their capacities, so that the ISU can continue its valuable work and support our shared goals. But funding alone is not sufficient. We must also continue to engage with states that have not yet joined the Convention, or have withdrawn from it, to encourage the implementation of key humanitarian principles and practices embodied in the Convention.

Madam President,

Germany's commitment to the humanitarian objectives of the Convention and its universalization is reflected in our extensive support for humanitarian mine action worldwide. In 2024 alone, Germany allocated over 70 million euros to mine clearance, risk education, victim assistance, and capacity building efforts, making Germany the second-largest national donor. This funding saves lives and enables communities to rebuild livelihoods. Germany will continue to stand by partners striving to mitigate the devastating consequences of anti-personnel mines.

I thank you, Madam President.