

Statement of the Delegation of Thailand
Agenda item 9: Consideration of the General Status of the Convention,
f. Universalizing the Convention
at the 22nd Meeting of the States Parties (22MSP)
to Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention (APMBC)
2 December 2025, Geneva, Switzerland

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Madame President/ Vice President,

1. At the outset, Thailand **welcomes the ratification of the Convention by the Marshall Islands and the accession of Tonga to the Convention.** We wish to take this opportunity to thank the President and her team, as well as the members of the **Universalization Coordination Group** and other stakeholders, for their tireless effort to promote universalization amidst unconventional confrontation.
2. While welcoming new States Parties, we cannot deny that the Convention is facing **a setback posted by the withdrawal from the Convention of five States** due to their security concerns, as well as **the use and reuse of anti-personnel mines in territory of a State Party (by other State Party), including in my own country.**
3. Furthermore, Thailand is fully aware of increased security concerns that led to a **decision to suspend the operation of the Convention,** however following careful examination, Thailand considers **that the Convention does not provide for suspension.**
4. **Bringing the anti-personnel mines back to the battle fields,** especially where civilians present will not only **undermine humanitarian disarmament norms,** but also **violate human rights and set back achievement in our development efforts.**
5. The **universal participation in and the full implementation at all times and under any circumstances of the APMBC must remain a priority for all.** Thailand reiterates our call on all States Parties to abide by their obligations under the Convention and relevant international laws.

I thank you.