

**Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention
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BRAZILIAN DELEGATION'S INTERVENTION

**UNDER ITEM 5
(ENHANCEMENT OF COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE)**

Madam Chair,

International cooperation lies at the very heart of the Ottawa Convention as an essential condition of its viability. Brazil has long understood this imperative and has, over the past decades, embedded solidarity into the core of its mine action policies.

Since 1994, more than 370 Brazilian military officers - drawn from both the Army and the Navy - have participated in humanitarian demining missions in South and Central America and in Africa, under the auspices of the United Nations and the Organization of American States. Brazil's most enduring contribution has been its sustained engagement in a neighboring country: from 2006 to 2023, 132 personnel were deployed in the field, with ongoing efforts continuing through training, quality management, and technical assistance.

Madam Chair,

This trajectory reflects an evolution: from operational engagement in clearance to the cultivation of advanced technical and pedagogical capacities. A cornerstone of this development has been the Brazilian Army's Engineering Instruction Center, a regional hub for knowledge transfer and professional training in mine action. Its programs - open to both domestic and foreign participants - aim not only to train but to create enduring networks of competence and trust.

The Sérgio Vieira de Mello Center for Peace Operations Training, named in honor of one of Brazil's most distinguished international

civil servants, serves as another pillar of this cooperative architecture. Through its Mine Action Internship Programme, the Center prepares military personnel to serve as instructors, monitors, and advisors within the inter-American system.

Such initiatives are part of a strategic understanding that mine action succeeds when knowledge circulates and when capacities are shared. Brazil's decision to open its most advanced training programs to international participants reflects this conviction.

Madam Chair,

In a field where the challenges are often protracted and complex, progress depends on a community of practice rooted in solidarity and mutual respect. Only by pooling our resources, exchanging lessons learned, and building technical alliances can we fulfil the promise of a mine-free world.

Thank you.