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Thank you Madame Chair.

In addition to the statements delivered by the EU, my delegation would like to make the following remarks in its national capacity.

The Kingdom of the Netherlands has a longstanding track record of funding mine action in various parts of the world. In these times, with the APMBC treaty under pressure, it is important to demonstrate our continued commitment to mine action. In this context, the Netherlands has recently launched its third multi-annual Programme to further strengthen our contribution to mine action.

Our current multi-annual Mine Action and Cluster Munitions Programme runs from 1 June 2025 to 31 May 2030. The Programme is valued at 78.75 million Euros and allocates funding to eight countries, namely Iraq, Lebanon, Libya, Somalia, South Sudan, Syria, Ukraine and Yemen. The Programme knows two pillars, namely 60.75 million Euros for mine action activities, and 14 million Euros for activities aimed at capacity development of National Mine Action Authorities. In addition, 4 million Euros is reserved for the contingency fund, that is open to the NGO partners in our Programme and meant for occurring situations. In this Programme, all NGO partners may reserve 5% of their total budget for the capacity development of local NGOs and 5% of their budget for triple nexus activities.

As part of our comprehensive and substantial efforts to meet the pressing needs in Ukraine, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has earmarked an additional amount of 10 million Euros for Mine Action in Ukraine, on top of the 38 million Euros that were allocated since the full scale Russian invasion of 2022.

The Netherlands ensures that gender, age, disability considerations, and the diverse needs and experiences of people in mine-affected communities are considered in the projects funded by The Netherlands. Gender is a cross-cutting aspect of all humanitarian and development

activities including mine action activities supported by the Netherlands.
The Netherlands has co-sponsored the joint cross-regional statement on
Gender and Diversity and Women, Peace and Security.

Thank you Madame Chair.