

Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction

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Compliance

Statement by Austria

Madame President,

The Mine Ban Treaty is a milestone instrument with the objective to end the suffering and casualties caused by anti-personnel mines through the prohibition of development, production, stockpiling, transfer and use of anti-personnel mines. It requires States Parties to destroy existing stocks of anti-personnel mines, clear mined areas and assist victims. The Treaty doesn't permit reservations to the application of any of its provisions. Anti-personnel mines are prohibited without exception because they are inhuman and inherently indiscriminate weapons.

We thank the Committee on Compliance for their work and for their report presented today. To ensure the integrity and strength of our Convention, all States Parties must comply with their obligations at all times.

We condemn in the strongest terms any use of anti-personnel mines by any actor under any circumstances. We urge compliance with all other obligations of the Convention. The strong norms of the prohibition of development, production, stockpiling, transfer and use of anti-personnel mines go well beyond the realm of this Convention and we reiterate that we urge States not Party to the Convention to respect the strong norms established by the Convention in line with their international legal obligations.

In closing, Madame President, my delegation reiterates the need in light of current developments and unprecedented challenges to step up our collective efforts to clearly defend and reinforce the obligations of our Convention and the strong norms it has brought along to prevent further harm and to end the casualties and suffering from these inhuman weapons for all times.

Thank you