

**Statement by the Delegation of Thailand,
on Agenda Item 7. Matters related to the mandate of the President
7 a. Universalization
at the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention Intersessional Meetings
on 20 June 2025**

Madam President,

At the outset, Thailand congratulates and warmly welcomes **the Marshall Islands** for becoming State Party to the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention. We wish to take this opportunity to thank the **President** and her team, as well as the **Universalization Coordination Group**, for their tireless efforts to promote universalization.

As a member of the Group, we stand ready to **accelerate the work on universalization of the Convention**, which is essential to achieving Mine Free World and addressing the harm caused by anti-personnel mines to people and the environment.

Madam President,

The current **geopolitical landscape might lead States in high-tension regions incline to use or reuse any weapons for security reasons**. However inhumane and indiscriminate weapons, including anti-personnel mines, must not be on the table. Going back to such weapons will not only **undermine our obligations** under international humanitarian law, but also the Convention and other relevant international instruments, our **long-standing determination** to put an end to the anti-personnel mines.

We therefore share the concerns of United Nations Secretary-General and other States Parties' concerns regarding the withdrawal of States Parties from the Convention.

We also encourage **all States Parties to make universalization efforts as one of their priorities**, and to elevate their efforts beyond increasing the number of States Parties. This includes to engage in highlighting and promoting the norms, values and underlying arguments of the Convention, such as human suffering and impediments to development.

In closing, Thailand remains committed to the Convention, and looks forward to continuing the engagement with all interested parties to ensure that we are all progressing towards the mine free-world.

Thank you.

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