



**ELEVENTH ANNUAL PLEDGING CONFERENCE
FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ANTI-PERSONNEL MINE BAN CONVENTION**

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Pledges and Commitment by Germany

Madam President,

Germany would like to express its sincere appreciation to you, Ambassador Eunice Luambia, for your dedication and commitment as President of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention. Please be assured of my delegation's full cooperation and continued support in advancing your important work.

Germany aligns itself fully with the statement delivered by the European Union. Allow me to offer a few additional remarks in my national capacity.

Germany commends the Implementation Support Unit for its outstanding efforts in assisting States Parties in meeting their obligations under the Convention. The ISU plays an indispensable role in ensuring the effective functioning of the Ottawa Convention and in advancing our shared objective of a mine-free world. Germany places great importance to securing sustainable funding for the ISU, enabling it to carry out its support functions efficiently and in a cost-effective manner.

Germany has consistently supported the ISU in the past and stands ready to continue doing so. In line with our budgetary provisions, Germany makes its pledges on a yearly basis. I am therefore pleased to announce that, **once again this year, Germany will contribute 50.000 EUR in support of the ISU's core support functions.**

Mister Coordinator of the Sponsorship Programme,

Germany remains firmly committed to the effective implementation and universalisation of the Convention. Active participation in its meetings, as well as sustained engagement and cooperation among States Parties, is essential for the full and meaningful fulfilment of our obligations.

To promote inclusive participation and to advance together towards universalisation and a world free of anti-personnel mines, **Germany contributed 50.000 EUR to the Sponsorship Programme in 2025 and will allocate another 50.000 EUR to the Sponsorship Programme in 2026.**

Madam President,

Germany has long been a strong supporter of assistance activities under the framework of this Convention and will continue its engagement. In 2025 alone, Germany allocated nearly 50 million EUR to humanitarian mine action.

Our support is guided by a comprehensive strategy aimed at protecting people affected by the deathly threat of unexploded ordnance, facilitating humanitarian access in contaminated areas, and fostering peacebuilding, recovery, reconstruction, and sustainable development. The needs and rights of affected communities in all their diversity – including victims – remain at the centre of our efforts. Efficiency and safety in mine action operations, conflict sensitivity, strengthening national ownership together with affected States, and a strong commitment to innovation are key principles shaping our engagement.

Germany is determined to build upon its longstanding and substantial engagement in recent decades and to further advance the implementation of the Ottawa Convention. In this spirit, Germany will remain actively involved in the work of the Convention and will continue to provide financial support for humanitarian mine action.

Thank you, Madam President.