

## Statement by Sweden at the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Pledging Conference (2026)

Madam President,

First of all, allow me to commend Zambia's Presidency for its commitment to the further implementation of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention and the Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan. I assure you of my delegation's full support in these important endeavors.

Sweden fully aligns itself with the statement of the European Union, and my delegation would like to add some remarks in our national capacity. We would like to thank you, as well as the Director and staff of the ISU, for organizing this meeting. This is the eleventh anniversary of these conferences, which serve to increase transparency and raise awareness of the need for sustainable financing in humanitarian mine action.

Madam President,

In 2025, Sweden – through the Swedish Development Cooperation Authority Sida – contributed with approximately 14 million USD to help states most affected by anti-personnel mines. We have been actively engaged in the Convention for many years, serving as a significant donor to various mine action organizations and providing expert knowledge through the Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency and the Swedish Armed Forces – and Sweden's global commitment to mine action continues.

Due to Russia's war of aggression, Ukraine has become one of the most heavily mine-contaminated countries globally. Since the full-scale invasion began in 2022, Sweden has contributed strongly towards mine action efforts in Ukraine, including support provided through the EU's Civil Protection Mechanism and implementing partners. We are further increasing Sweden's strong support to Ukraine's recovery, reconstruction and reforms, including to the clearing and mapping of mine-contaminated areas and providing civilian assistance.

Madam President,

Sweden emphasizes the crucial role of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention Implementation Support Unit. By providing assistance to state parties, the ISU is an essential part of the framework facilitating the Convention's implementation and operation. This important work would not be possible without contributions from states parties. Last year, Sweden allocated 750 000 Swedish Kronor – approximately 81 000 USD – for the ISU's operational activities, and we intend to remain a partner to the organisation. Hence, we urge other states to consider contributing to the ISU. Sweden also encourages state parties with outstanding payments to settle these at the earliest possible convenience.

Madam President,

Sweden stands fully behind the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention. We are committed to its principles and implementation, as well as continuing our practical support to other state parties in their efforts.

Thank you.