



17th MSP to the Ottawa Convention

Statement

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17^{ème} Assemblée des États Parties à la Convention d'Ottawa

Déclaration

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Madam President,

Please allow us at the outset to thank Algeria, Canada, Sweden and Thailand for the preparation of today's discussion. Cooperation and assistance are of utmost importance for the implementation of the Convention. Only joint and coordinated efforts between affected States, donor States, and international, regional and non-governmental organisations will lead us to a successful realisation of our goal: a world free of mines and without new victims.

With regard to the *Individualised Approach*, we would like to congratulate the Committee for its initiative, which is taking us forward while providing for a direct and transparent need-based dialogue between States Parties requesting assistance, donors and operators. We welcome the Committee's engagement in furthering this initiative as well as the concrete steps that have been taken to connect affected States Parties and the donor community. It is certainly positive to observe that this initiative is gaining momentum and that always more affected States Parties profit from this platform.

With the perspective of the 2025 completion objective in mind, we also realize that there might be a need to scale up the *Approach*. In this sense, we appreciate the fact that the Committee has been thinking of how to institutionalize and anchor the *Individualised Approach* within the mechanisms of the Convention. Aware of the additional effort this will require and of the limits posed by constrained resources and time available, we welcome discussions in the perspective of the Fourth Review Conference on how this idea could be operationalized.

Thank you.