



Statement by Turkey

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Thank you Mr. President,

Turkey aligned with the EU statement, in our national capacity I would like to deliver following brief statement.

At the outset let me add my voice to the other speakers in thanking His Excellency, Minister Ömer Gamareldin Ismail for his opening remarks and you, your team and the ISU staff for convening the Fifth Pledging Conference today. Taking this opportunity, I also would like to thank the former Presidency of Norway for their outstanding work.

Mr. President,

I would like to reiterate that my country is determined to fulfil its commitments emanating from the Ottawa Convention. In this regard, mine clearance operations and mine action activities have intensified and clearance output has increased as we explained in detail during the 4th Review Conference.

Mr. President,

Our voluntary financial contributions to the functioning of this forum has been humble yet consistent over the years. In this regard, Turkey intends to maintain its support for the ISU budget and for the Sponsorship Program this year as well.

Thank you Mr. President.