



## **Statement by Türkiye**

### **SEVENTH INTERNATIONAL PLEDGING CONFERENCE ANTI-PERSONNEL MINE BAN CONVENTION 1 MARCH 2022**

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Thank you, Madam President,

Türkiye aligns itself with the statement delivered on behalf of the European Union and in our national capacity, we would like to share the following remarks.

Let me also add my voice to the other speakers in thanking you, your team and the ISU staff for convening the Seventh Annual Pledging Conference on the twenty-third anniversary of the entry into force of the Ottawa Convention. You can count on Türkiye's full support in your endeavours.

We would also thank Her Excellency, Marta Lucía RAMÍREZ Vice-President and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Colombia for her keynote address.

Madam President,

Türkiye strongly supports efforts for a world free of landmines. Our shared aim is to put an end to the suffering and casualties caused by anti-personnel mines that kill or maim, mostly innocent and defenceless civilians and especially children.

Taking this opportunity, we would like to reiterate that our country is determined to fulfil its commitments emanating from the Ottawa Convention.

We continue to cooperate with ASEAN Regional Mine Action Center (ARMAC).

Madam President,

Our voluntary financial contributions to the functioning of this forum have been consistent over the years.

In this vein, two weeks ago, we have already transferred our contribution to support the ISU budget in 2022. We call for all States Parties to contribute to mine action, including to the work of the Implementation Support Unit, which is critical to the functioning of the Convention.

We would like to express our appreciation for the work of the ISU Director Mr. Carlos and his team again. We have significantly benefited from their guidance.

Thank you, Madam President.