

## **Statement by Algeria at the Seventh Annual Pledging Conference**

### **Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention**

**Geneva, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

#### **Mister President**

At the outset, I would like to warmly congratulate you for assuming the presidency of the 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the States Parties to the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention.

Let me also thank you for organizing this Conference to support the implementation of the Convention and mobilize resources for the effective functioning of the Implementation Support Unit (ISU), the Convention's Sponsorship Programme and the Cooperation fund.

#### **Mister President**

My country's commitment to the functioning of the Convention is well reflected through its previous annual voluntary contributions to the budget of the ISU, and its continued participation as a member of the Standing Committees and the Coordinating Committee, as well as its chairmanship of the Meeting of States Parties in 2013.

Most recently, in 2022, Algeria was honored by assuming the chairmanship of the Committee on victim assistance.

Our commitment to support the implementation of the Convention and all efforts to achieve the goal of a world free of mines will continue.

The experience of my country, which fulfilled its obligations under Article 5 of the Convention and continues to provide victims with assistance, with national resources, demonstrate that the mobilization of a strong commitment, the concerted national efforts and the contribution of civil society lead to the successful ownership of this process.

As part of the Coordinating Committee of the Convention, in its capacity as a member of the Cooperation and assistance Committee for the period 2023-2024, Algeria will spare no effort to contribute to enhancing cooperation and assistance in the light of the Algerian experience in implementing the Convention.

We are considering renewing our voluntary contributions to the budget of ISU this year.

Finally, I would like to assure you of my delegation's full support to the German presidency of the Convention and express our gratitude to UNODA and the ISU for their excellent work.

I would like to note with appreciation that last year's celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Convention also marked a quarter of a century of commitment by the Director of ISU, Mr. Juan Carlos Ruan, through different positions, to this humanitarian instrument.

This inspiring commitment is key to the achievement of the Convention's objectives.

**Thank you**

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