

Statement by the Delegation of Thailand

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Mr. President,

1. First of all, I wish to **congratulate Germany on the Presidency of the Twenty-first Meeting of the State Parties** of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention, **a crucial step for the success of the Fifth Review conference** of the Convention next year. In our national capacity and as the Chair of the Committee on Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance, you can count on **Thailand's full support and our full confidence in your leadership.**

2. Since 2016, **Thailand has annually contributed to the ISU** to ensure **its long-term financial stability** and support **its constructive and meaningful work in assisting State Parties to fulfill their obligations under the Convention.** I wish to inform the Conference that **this year Thailand will continue to contribute 10,000 CHF** to the ISU.

3. In this regard, I **encourage State Parties, International Organizations and other stakeholders to also provide support to the ISU,** preferably on a multi-year basis, to show our solidarity and our will to work together and fulfill our commitment to the Convention and the goal of a mine-free world.

4. I thank you.
