

**Statement by the Delegation of Thailand
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Agenda 4: Matters related to the mandate of the Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance

Madam President,

It is with great honor that the Sixteenth Meeting of States Parties elected Thailand to serve as a member for the Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance for the 17MSP-18MSP terms.

Madam President,

Although Thailand's mine clearance activities are largely government funded, Thailand appreciates and welcomes the continued international support.

We as well have been a contributor. For instance, the Committee has been working closely with Sri Lanka, the latest State Party to the Convention to develop an individualized approach. Moreover, on the International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action, April 4th, Thailand hosted representatives from Sri Lanka, to participate in mine awareness activities at Sirindhorn Dam in Ubon Ratchathani Province, adjacent to our borders with Lao PRD. We show-cased our success in developing a heavily contaminated land in to a public park and bicycle circuit now enjoyed by the local community and tourists. We also shared our experiences and expertise on our internationally renowned sustainable prosthetic leg making program in Chiang Mai Province, which is available to all in need, regardless of nationality, and free of cost.

We take this opportunity to extend our invitation to all interested States in our Mine Action efforts to visit us in Thailand.

Madam President,

As for the work of this Committee, as stated by our delegation in Vienna last year, we see merits in the committee's efforts in mapping needs and challenges of States Parties, particularly in the conduct of demining operations and victim assistance, through continued dialogue with the Committee and reflection in States' article 7 transparency reports. With this information, an individualized approach can be established to better connect States with the donor community.

We are delighted to see more and more countries taking advantage of the individualized approach and look forward to welcome more interested partners.

Madam President,

Lastly, we take this opportunity to request all States Parties' to render their kind support towards the work of this Committee and to Canada's chairmanship.

Thank you.

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