



**Intersessional Meetings of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention
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Thank you Madam President.

The adherence of all states to this humanitarian treaty remains a clear priority for Croatia which is why we continue to encourage states that have not yet done so, to consider finalizing their internal procedures for the accession to the Convention as soon as possible.

Regarding the states not parties to the Convention; we call upon them to abide by the Convention's norms pending their adherence to the Convention. In that sense, we strongly support the adoption of interim measures which demonstrate commitment to the humanitarian principles of the Convention, such as moratoria on the use, production and transfer of anti-personnel mines; clearing mined areas; providing assistance to victims; providing information about stockpiles of mines or destroying them; submitting a voluntary transparency report or voting in favor of annual UN GA resolution.

Croatia also recognizes the important role that civil society continues to play maintaining the momentum established when this Convention came into force. We applaud the work of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL) and particularly of the annual Landmine Monitor Report, as well as the Mine Action Review, both of which came to become indispensable resources enabling the international community to measure progress and inform how to address the remaining landmine challenges.

Thank you.