## Intervention by the Indonesian Delegation

## Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention – Intersessional Meetings on Resources, Cooperation and Assistance

Geneva, 11 April 2014, at 10.00 - 13.00 hrs

Distinguished Co-Chairs,

At the outset, my delegation wishes to congratulate the Co-Chairs in assuming the task for the Standing Committee on Resources, Cooperation and Assistance.

International cooperation and assistance is a crucial part of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention and represents a commitment shared by all States Parties to ensure the Convention's full implementation as enshrined in Article 6 of the Convention.

Indonesia welcomes the continued international and national support for mine action which in 2012 reached US\$ 681 million, affirmed as the largest combined total contribution ever. Meanwhile, international assistance in 2012 amounted to US\$ 497 million, an increase of US\$ 30 million compared to the assistance in 2011.

Nevertheless, the insufficient, unpredictable and ad hoc financial support reported recently might affect States Parties' efforts in fulfiling their obligations to the Convention, particularly in the conduct of mine clearance operations and victim assistance.

According to the Landmine Monitor Report 2013, more than 80 percent of mine action funding supported clearance and risk education activities in 2012. Victim assistance contributions from mine action funding sources were US\$ 32 million, compared to US\$ 30 million in 2011. An increasing gap between States' needs and available funding for mine clearance and victim assistance is therefore a great challenge that we need to tackle. Increased capacity and resources will be therefore required in the areas of mine clearance, victim assistance, and even stockpile destruction.

Distinguished Co-Chairs,

My delegation views the merit on the establishment of the Platform for Partnerships in 2012. It could facilitate match-making of assistance as it includes information both from States Parties able to provide a full range of possible assistance, and those seeking such support for mine clearance and victim assistance. By extending the trial period of the Platform for Partnership until the Third Review Conference, we will be able to see whether this Platform could serve its purpose in the long run. We are also encouraged to

learn that so far there is an increase number of States Parties participating in the Platform.

The Bangkok Symposium on Cooperation and Assistance: Building Synergy towards Effective Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention Implementation' held in June 2013 also provided us with useful insights. It is worth noting of the fact that a so-called landmines world is part of a larger world means that the resources to fuel the fulfillment of our aims could come from wide ranging resources. The Co-Chairs also highlighted the two-fold challenge in terms of making use of the full range of funding sources and at the same time in ensuring the funds invested are actually achieving their desired ends.

To conclude, Indonesia therefore supports the collaboration between States Parties and all other related parties working in landmine action programs to ensure that the Convention's objectives are fully met.

I thank you.

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