

Intersessional meeting of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention, Geneva,

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Closing remarks

H.E. Hans Brattskar, Ambassador of Norway, President of the Fourth Review Conference

Thank you for these very productive days and thank you to all for your active participation. As I said in my introductory remarks on Wednesday, the intersessional meetings are an important step on the road to Oslo. I have greatly appreciated hearing updates from States Parties, States not Party and organizations and we will build on this information as we prepare for the Review Conference. I would also like to thank all the Committees for the work they do on a day-to-day basis, and for the role, they have played in making these intersessional meetings a success. I would also like to thank the team of interpreters for their excellent work.

While I am about to formally close this meeting, our work continues right after lunch. The Review Conference is only six months away, so we have not time to rest. At 15:00 we will therefore convene the First Preparatory Meeting for the Fourth Review Conference. I look forward to preparing the Review Conference with all of you, and not least to have the opportunity to discuss the development of the substantive documents for the Review Conference.

It is an honour for me to preside over this Convention. I am encouraged by all the progress made in implementing this life-saving Convention. With renewed political commitment and strong joint efforts by all States Parties, I believe we can further accelerate implementation and reach our common objectives. With this, I declare the 2019 intersessional meetings closed. Thank you very much and see you after lunch.