

CAMBODIAN STATEMENT ON THE NEW ISU FUNDING MODEL

Mr. President;

As a mine affected State Party, Cambodia would like to express our appreciation and strongly supports the works of the ISU since its inception. Cambodia has benefited a lot from the works carried out by the ISU to support State Parties to achieve their obligations and evolving priorities and now it can expand its role to capture the victim assistance advisory services in the future.

Cambodian Extension Request had been granted with the strong support from ISU works. Moreover, Cambodia's offer to Host and Preside Over the 11MSP had been warmly welcome. Cambodia and ISU/UNODA have initiated a collaboration together to ensure the success of the 11MSP, and in earlier August this year, ISU/UNODA will visit Cambodia again to finalize the remaining works before the 11MSP. Without the support from ISU, Cambodia won't be able to shoulder these critical works alone.

Concerns exist about aspects of the Unit's financial situation, and a range of suggestions have been put forward for addressing them. New amended agreement between State Parties and GICHD has been drafted and a number of meetings to discuss this matter have taken place but apparently no consensus has been reached. Moreover, the new model of ISU funding has been on the discussion agenda since 2009. Cambodia recognized that the previous funding arrangement will no longer be the case. We would like to encourage all State Parties to support the hybrid model (assessed and voluntary contributions) including the Swiss in-kind contribution via the GICHD to make ISU works possible and ensure the sustainability of the Unit that all States Parties have benefited from. We would encourage all SPs to approve the draft amended agreement proposed by the 10MSP President in this intersessional meeting to make it possible for the adoption by the 11MSP.

Thank you Mr. President!