

**CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE USE, STOCKPILING, PRODUCTION AND
TRANSFER OF ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES AND ON THEIR DESTRUCTION**

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Co-Chairs (*Bulgaria and New Zealand*)

Distinguished delegates

Allow me to express my country's appreciation for the leadership provided by the Co-Chairs to the work of the Standing Committee on General Status and Operation of the Convention. I am confident that our deliberations will result in a fruitful outcome under your able guidance and in this regard, I assure you of my country's full support and cooperation.

With regard to national legislation, I would like to report that the Royal Government will continue to adopt additional measures for implementation of the Convention as and when deemed necessary. By virtue of the Constitution of Bhutan, all international treaties and conventions are deemed as national laws. Furthermore, the Bhutan Civil and Criminal procedure code also contains relevant provisions, which would adequately cover implementation of the Convention for the time being.

I take this opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to the purposes and principles of the Convention and to place on record our appreciation to the Co-Chairs of the Standing Committee and the Implementation Support Unit for their support and cooperation.

Thank you.
