

**Statement of Indonesia on the Standing Committees Meeting
of the States Parties to the Mine Ban Convention
Geneva, 23-27 April 2007**

Mr. Chairman,
Excellencies,
Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Allow me, at the outset, on behalf of the Government of Indonesia to express my gratitude for inviting us to participate in this standing committee meeting of States Parties to the Mine-ban Convention. I would also like to thank the organizer for the excellent arrangement and hospitality, ~~extended to me.~~ *we would also like to express our gratitude for*

As you ~~may~~ aware, Mr. Chairman, Indonesia has ratified the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction (the Mine Ban Convention) through the promulgation of Law No.20/2006 of 29 December 2006. Subsequently, the Minister for Foreign Affairs then submitted the ratification instrument to the Secretary General of the United Nations as depositary. The United Nations Secretariat has acknowledged receipt of the instrument and stated that the instrument of ratification was received on 16 February 2007. In accordance with the article 17 (2) of the Convention, the Convention will enter into force for Indonesia starting 1 August 2007. *kind words addressed to Indonesia*

Indonesia is fully aware that after being the State Party to the Convention, there are obligations under the Convention that Indonesia should fulfil and implement, including preparing the transparency report within six months after the Convention come into force as mandated by article 7 of the Convention.

Mr. Chairman,

Let me share with the meeting on our plan as a State Party, in order to prepare the transparency report. Our Ministry of Defence will dispatch a team to the respective regional military commands across Indonesia to calculate the actual number of our land mine in the stockpile. Based on the findings, a plan will be set on how and when the destruction of stockpile to be carried out. The Team is expected to do their job in June 2007. After having known the actual number of the stockpile, Indonesia will decide on how many land-mine anti personnel it will keep for the purpose of training and education allowed by article 3.

With regard to the other obligations, Indonesia is fortune, since we are not a mine affected, nor is a land mine producer. However, we realize that implementing provisions of the Convention is not an easy task. As stipulated in article 6, the international cooperation is one of the utmost important in our efforts to

implement the Convention, particularly to deal with destruction of stockpile. In the process of fulfilling these obligations, we would be happy to learn other countries' experiences, and welcome the potential assistance and expertise from other States Parties.

As a new State Party to the Convention, I am pleased to inform the meeting that Indonesia will participate to the 8th Meeting of the States Parties to be held in Jordan from 18-22 November 2007. We will make use of the 8th Meeting of the States Parties as an opportunity for us to learn and to share experiences in dealing with land mine.

To conclude, Mr. Chairman, Indonesia stands ready to work closely with other States Parties, International Organizations, civil society, and international community to achieve a mine-free world and to contribute more substantively to the universalization of the Convention

I thank you. Mr. Chairman