

**STATEMENT BY BRAZIL ON ISSUES CONCERNING ARTICLE 2
(DEFINITIONS) OF THE MINE BAN CONVENTION**

Since the time of the negotiations on the Mine Ban Convention, Brazil has favored a total ban on anti-vehicle mines (AVM) equipped with anti-handling devices (ADH). We repudiate the use of anti-handling devices on anti-vehicle mines on humanitarian grounds. Though Article 2 Paragraph 1 unfortunately excludes most such devices from the scope of the Convention, Brazil is of the view that the wording of Article 2 Paragraph 3 does make clear that AVMS equipped with AHDs which may be detonated by the unintentional act of a person constitute, for all practical purposes, anti-personnel mines, and are therefore banned by the Convention. Brazil calls upon all States Parties to reaffirm that understanding.