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Statement of Canada

Implementation Support Unit (ISU) and Sponsorship Programme

- Canada values the important and productive role the ISU and Delegates Sponsorship programme play in promoting the universalization and facilitating the full implementation of the Ottawa Convention.
- The ISU remains the most comprehensive mine action information facility available, providing support across all facets of the Ottawa Convention; it continues to provide timely and consistent communication related to the implementation process.
- Canada strongly supports the Delegates Sponsorship Programme and feels that it is integral to ensuring the Convention's success. Covering the costs associated with ensuring the participation by mine-affected states and other countries at Intersessional Meetings and the Meetings of States Parties is both in accordance with the Nairobi Action Plan and the spirit of the Convention.
- Canada has enjoyed a long and productive relationship with the GICHD in a number of areas and has contributed financial resources to both the ISU and the Delegates Sponsorship Programme in the past.
- In the spirit of this collaboration, Canada has once again made a financial commitment to both initiatives in the amount of \$45,000 to the ISU and \$25,000 to the Delegates Sponsorship Programme for this fiscal year.