

**Statement by the Indonesian delegation  
before the Standing Committee  
on General Status and Universalisation of the Convention  
Meetings of the Mine Ban Convention Standing Committees  
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Mr, Chairman,  
Excellencies,  
Distinguished delegates,  
Ladies and gentlemen,

On behalf of the Indonesian Delegation, allow me at the outset, to extend our congratulation to you as the Chairman of this important meeting.

The Government of Indonesia had submitted the instrument of ratification of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction to the Secretary-General of the United Nations on 16 February 2007. Subsequently, on 1 August 2007 the Convention has entered into force for Indonesia in accordance with article 17 (2) of the Convention.

Mr. Chairman,

In the context of the efforts targeting the universalisation of the Mine Ban Convention, allow me first of all to inform the meeting that Indonesia and Canada, supported by the Australian Government, has convened the Ottawa Convention Implementation and Universalisation Workshop in Bali, on 26-27 February 2008.

The Workshop was aimed at facilitating the implementation of the Convention in the Asia-Pacific region and to encourage its universalisation.

This Workshop was attended by the representatives of the States parties in the Asia-Pacific Region and several countries outside the region, as well as by international organizations, the ISU, and civil society.

Mr. Chairman,

The participants of the workshop had an excellent opportunity for exchanges of views on different aspects of the Convention, including the sharing of best practices and discussions on the difficulties encountered by States parties in its implementation. The discussions touched upon the main articles of the Convention, namely the destruction of stockpiles, mine clearance, assistance to victims, and national legislations.

The Workshop also served as a forum for affected countries, donor countries, and countries in the process of fulfilling their obligations under the Convention in order to identify possible steps that might lead to an effective implementation of the Mine Ban Convention in the region. We also found it useful to hear the views of various agencies and experts with extensive

experience in different aspects of the Convention.

Mr. Chairman,

On the question of the universalisation, we had the opportunity to listen to non-State parties in the region on their progress and/or the difficulties they are facing in ratifying the Convention. I should therefore like to take this opportunity to thank all non-State parties who were present in Bali and shared their views.

During the presentation, it appeared that some countries are experiencing difficulties in ratifying the Convention as they are concerned about being unable to fulfill the different provisions of the Convention as a result of the serious problems posed by the presence of anti-personnel mines in their territory. We believe that as a State party we also have an obligation to assist others to ratify and implement the Convention.

In this connection, Indonesia considers that international cooperation is pertinent not only in the implementation of the Convention but also in efforts leading to universalisation of the convention.

To that end, I would like to express Indonesia's readiness and commitment to work together to achieve a mine-free world.

Thank you.