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Jordan statement on ISU Task Force

Thank you Mr. President for giving me the floor.

I have had the honour and privilege of working very closely with Kerry Brinkert and the whole ISU team for the last four to five years – and I must say without any reservation whatever, that I have always been very impressed and continue to be amazed by the ISU's competency, professionalism and dedication. I think we are all very fortunate as State Parties to have such a successful and fluent ISU working for us.

The whole team is worth its weight in gold.

Jordan also has the same amount of praise for the indispensable work of the GICHD. The GICHD has done a terrific job in hosting and supporting the ISU. However, Jordan is also pleased to support the recommendations of the task force for a more independent functioning ISU that is linked to the States Parties.

As a mine affected state and as a State that has hosted a meeting of the states parties, Jordan knows how important and crucial the work of the ISU is. Without a super efficient ISU our Convention would not be in the good health that it is in.

The advice that the ISU also give States Parties on mine clearance and victim assistance is truly indispensable and should be encouraged.

Like I said in the beginning of my statement, Jordan welcomes the findings of the Task Force, however Jordan believes that the ISU ought to be supported more and the work of the ISU should be expanded. We are at a critical stage in the life of the Convention and Jordan believes that Kerry and his team needs greater support from all States Parties now more than ever. Financing is key, and I encourage all States Parties able to support the ISU to do so. A strong ISU will mean a healthy and vibrant Convention in the future.

This is vital if we want to continue to see good results and if we want to have a long term vision vis-à-vis the Convention.

Lastly, I want to congratulate Ambassador Eckey and the Task Force for the great work that they conducted as well as thank the independent consultant Mr. Tim Caughley for his commendable efforts.

Thank you Mr. President.