

Excellency,
His Royal Highness Prince Mihred,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

Palau fully support the excellent work the ISU is doing in support for Palau's accession, implementation and universalization of the Convention on AP Mine Ban as well as the CCM. The ISU has given special attention to the needs of and challenges faced by less developed State Parties. In doing so, ISU plays an important and unique role in serving as our support unit to assist Palau in universalizing both Conventions in the Pacific.

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I want to emphasize that there are 156 State Parties to the Convention, including many that do not have missions here in Geneva. These State Parties should always remember that the ISU is intended to support all 156 State Parties, regardless of size.

ISU has been instrumental in assisting Palau to have a voice and presence in both Conventions, therefore Palau congratulate the ISU for the excellent services and request the 2011 State Parties to take matter of financing of the ISU seriously.

Again Palau congratulates the ISU for their services and look forward to continuing its work with ISU to implement and universalize the AP Mine Ban Convention in the Pacific.

Thank you.