

**Elements of the speech of M. Idriss Al Jazairy, Ambassador,
Permanent Representative of Algeria in Geneva**

- Appreciation of the Algerian delegation to H.E Gazmend Turdiu, the President of the 10th MSP for his perseverance, resourcefulness and imagination in leading the Open Ended Working Group on the financial model of the ISU.
- Ambassador Jazairy recalled that there was an unspoken linkage between the signature of the Agreement between State Parties and the GICHD and the discussion of the financial model of the ISU:

The Agreement as was emphasized by the President of the 11th MSP was intended to promote transparency and a sense of ownership by the State Parties to the Mine Ban Convention implementation mechanism through direct accountability of the ISU to the State Parties. Yet this ownership carried as a counterpart a responsibility of the State Parties to ensure appropriate, stable and predictable financing of the ISU. This meant accepting to enhance assessed contributions on the basis of the UN assessment scale for a broader share of the funding and to make voluntary contributions more predictable.

- However, the discussion on the funding model of ISU took place in an unfavorable context in view of the on-going financial crisis.
- It is hoped nevertheless that when international circumstances return to normal, there will be a resumption of discussion on a hybrid option of financing starting from the stage of progress achieved in the Working Group in 2011.
- In the meantime, it would be helpful if voluntary contributions by donors could be notified as early as possible so that they can be taken into account in the elaboration of the core work plan and budget of the ISU