

Intervention by the Delegation of Thailand
On the Issue of Financing of the Implementation Support (Agenda Item 10 (f))
at the 11th Meeting of States Parties to Mine Ban Convention
Thursday, 1 December 2011

Mr. President,
Distinguished Delegates,

First of all, I would like to commend the President of the 10MSP for his efforts and dedication in trying to reach an agreeable solution on the new financing model for the ISU. We also wish to thank States Parties who have actively participated and contributed during the meetings of the open-ended working groups that were held during the past year.

Mr. President,

Thailand sees the importance of establishing a new financing model for the ISU, particularly in light of the fact that the ISU has long faced with the problems of funds being unpredictable, unsustainable and insufficient. We believe it is our shared responsibility to ensure that the ISU is enabled to perform its tasks and continue to assist States Parties in the implementation of the Convention.

As for Thailand, we have reiterated through many previous occasions that we would prefer an assessed contributions model. With this model, a State Party could plan its national budget allocations years ahead, while the ISU could also calculate its yearly budget more accurately and draft its work plans corresponding to its estimated budgets. This would help enable the ISU to offer its services to the States Parties with even better efficiency.

That said, however, we fully understand the concerns raised by other States Parties on this issue. We can therefore support the proposal of the 10MSP President to continue with the present model of a purely voluntary contribution scheme. We also very much look forward to continue discussions between States Parties on this issue, as and when the time is opportune for such a discussion.

Mr. President,

Thailand recognizes the very crucial role of the ISU in helping States Parties to implement the Convention. Thailand has made contributions to ISU for two consecutive years, despite our budgetary difficulties, which clearly illustrates the extent to which we appreciate the quality of services offered by this highly