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Mr. President,
Excellencies,
Distinguished delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

At the outset, allow me to join other delegations in congratulating you on your assumption as the President of the Eleventh Meeting of States Parties to the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention (11MSP). On behalf of the Malaysian delegation, I wish to congratulate the Government of Cambodia for organising the 11MSP and its untiring efforts in promoting the banning of the anti-personnel landmines. You can be rest assured that Malaysia will give its full support and co-operation in ensuring the successful outcome of this Meeting. Malaysia believes that our meeting in Phnom Penh presents a unique opportunity for all of us to provide meaningful contribution to achieve our ultimate goal of creating a mine free world.

Mr. President,

2. Malaysia is pleased with the progress that has been made in implementing the Cartagena Action Plan (CAP). Notwithstanding that, we believe much more could be done to ensure better implementation of the CAP and encourage all States Parties to turn the CAP into real action and take concrete steps in this regard. Malaysia is of the

view that the 11MSP offers a valuable opportunity for States Parties to take stock of the progress made in implementing the CAP.

Mr. President,

3. We have witnessed the devastating suffering and casualties caused by the anti-personnel landmines. This heinous weapon continues to maim and kill innocent civilian everyday. It was for this reason that Malaysia accepted and signed the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention when it was first opened for signature in December 1997. We consider the Convention as the most comprehensive international instrument to eliminate the world from the scourge of anti-personnel landmines and recognize the Convention's invaluable contribution in putting a stop to the indiscriminate effect of the anti-personnel landmines.

4. In line with this, Malaysia calls upon all States Parties to Convention and relevant Non-Governmental Organisations to work hand in hand to promote, support and advance the work in the areas of mine clearance, victim assistance, stockpile destruction and universalisation. Let's stop future unnecessary agony and make this world a safer place for our community, today and tomorrow.

Mr. President,

5. Being one of the earliest State Party that fulfil its obligation as provided for under Article 1 and Article 5 of the Convention to destruct all stockpiled anti-personnel landmines, Malaysia strongly supports effort towards the universalisation of the Convention. Universalisation of the Convention is key to ensure that the objective of ending the suffering caused by landmines can be realised.

6. We are concerned over the continuing standstill universalisation in the Southeast Asian region, as only over half of these countries have signed or ratified the Convention. Malaysia calls upon countries in the region that are still outside the Convention to accede to the Convention at the earliest opportunity and looks forward for close cooperation with them to realise the noble objective of the Convention to ban the production, stockpiling, use and transfer of anti-personnel landmines.

7. Malaysia wishes to commend the civil society, particularly the ICBL and other international organisations including ICRC for their relentless effort and work to achieve a truly universal ban on landmines. Before I conclude, allow me to reiterate Malaysia's full support to the work of the Convention and Malaysia's commitment to continue to participate actively and contribute meaningfully to the Convention.

I thank you, Mr. President.

Thank you.