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**12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of States Parties  
Statement of Canada**

**Developing a rational response to mined areas discovered after deadlines have passed**

Thank you Mr. President

Canada was pleased to have been involved in the finalization of the proposal on how to address the question of the discovery of mined areas discovered after the original or extended deadline had passed. We would like to congratulate the Co-Chairs on their proposal and fully support it as presented.

In the development of the proposal, it was important to Canada that this issue be addressed within the established process for dealing with what unfortunately has now become a routine process, requests for extensions to clearance obligations. Canada was of the view that no new process was required and it was also important to us that we not step outside of the obligations of the Convention by starting a process to establish new deadlines, something not envisioned in the Convention which only permits extensions for clearance obligations.

Once again we congratulate the Co-Chairs for a masterful piece of work - it has our full support.

Thank you.