

Statement by Cambodia

Agenda Item 10.e.i – ISU Work Plan and Budget

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I wish to take the floor to speak in support of the ISU's 2013 work plan and budget.

Perhaps no other delegation than Cambodia has been touched so much by the service, support and professionalism of the ISU this year.

The ISU has been instrumental in supporting the Cambodian Presidency and in supporting me, personally, in my execution of responsibilities assigned to me by His Excellency Prak Sokhonn.

Moreover, the ISU has continued to provide professional support and advice to Cambodia on matters related to our mine clearance and victim assistance obligations.

I have also witnessed first-hand how fundamental the ISU is the effective functioning of the Coordinating Committee and Article 5 analysing group.

The ISU staff, while small in number, has been extremely effective.

In supporting the ISU's work plan and budget, I wish to also commend the ISU for the inclusive and transparent way with which it prepared this document.

Moreover, the ISU has given us plenty of time to review it and raise any matter of interest prior this meeting.

The ISU has our confidence, and we have demonstrated this in part through our financial contribution to the ISU's 2012 work plan.

Our hope is that, if a country with few means such as Cambodia can contribute to the ISU, so too should many others.

I therefore call upon delegations not only to support the ISU's 2013 work plan and budget, but also to live up to the commitment we made to properly fund the ISU.