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Statement by

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Mr. President,

In 2014 the Ottawa Convention suffered financially hard times. Contributions failed to reach the expected level and the Implementation Support Unit ended the year with a deficit. The Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining accepted generously to cover the shortfall, but at the same time it became clear that there was also a need for a more structural approach in order to prevent this situation from happening again.

It is in this context that you submitted a number of important administrative and financial proposals for the consideration of States Parties. These proposals aim ultimately at creating a solid and financially sound management, with increased transparency, predictability and accountability, while ensuring enhanced responsibility and ownership by the States Parties to the Convention.

We wish to express our sincere gratitude to you and your team for your tireless efforts to create a strengthened and more transparent governance for the Ottawa Convention.

We welcome the proposed architecture, including the four year work plan, the annual pledging conference and the establishment of a financial security buffer. We also wish to express our gratitude to the Government of Belgium for its generous contribution of 330.000 Euro to the financial security buffer.

Mr President, we share your view that it would be to the benefit of the Convention if the Meeting of States Parties would decide to adopt these decisions, thus creating a more sustainable environment for the ISU to function and implement its mandate.

We look forward to continuing our discussions on how to sustain the Convention's work in the future.

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Implementation Support Unit for its valuable work in assisting States Parties to fulfil their commitments under the Convention.

Thank you