

**15<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF STATES PARTIES**  
**ANTI-PERSONNEL MINE BAN CONVENTION**  
**(OTTAWA CONVENTION)**

**STATEMENT BY CANADA - SANTIAGO, CHILE - DECEMBER 2016**

**ENHANCEMENT OF COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE**

Canada has submitted a request to join the Committee on Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance this year, which we hope will be accepted by States Parties during our meeting this week.

Advocacy, generating political will and coordination are all important aspects of achieving the 2025 goal that we set for ourselves at the Maputo Review Conference.

The results outlined in the report from the International Campaign to Ban Landmines this year highlight the necessity of a global effort if we are to succeed.

We see the Committee on Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance as a key mechanism for efforts to build political will and enhance meaningful coordination. Its work on stakeholder consultations and mapping in particular are good initiatives to lay the groundwork for action.