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**15TH MEETING OF STATES PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE USE,
STOCKPILING, PRODUCTION AND TRANSFER OF ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES AND ON THEIR
DESTRUCTION**

Santiago de Chile, 28. November – 2. December 2016

Statement by Germany under Item 10c) Cooperation and Assistance

Thank you Mr. President,

Germany aligns itself with the statement delivered on behalf of the European Union and its member states and would like to make a few comments in a national capacity.

Germany would like to commend the work of the Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance for their valuable work and their recommendations that are geared towards further increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of States Parties' work.

In this context Germany would like to renew its commitment to international cooperation as one essential tool to realize our shared ambition of a world free of landmines by 2025.

The other side of the medallion is national ownership and the primary responsibility of every States Party to address their national challenges. For that needs assessment accurately depicting the current situation are essential.

In 2016, Germany has provided almost 16 million euros for humanitarian mine action for 25 projects in 13 countries and regions. In addition, Germany has provided another 15 million euros for mine clearance in the context of stabilization efforts in Iraq. For example, Germany has supported the development of national mine action capacities in Colombia and Ukraine, as well as mine clearance efforts in Afghanistan and Bosnia. Germany also provides funding to deal with the growing threat posed by improvised landmines, especially in the Middle East. As one of the largest donors, Germany is thus making a significant contribution in helping partners to fulfill their obligations.

Germany will continue its efforts in the area of mine action and will continue to assist affected partners in the run up to 2025.

Thank you Mr. President