

**Statement by the Delegation of Thailand**  
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**Agenda: Convention's Financial issues and UN's Umoja mechanism**

Mr. President,

At the outset, the Thai Delegation wishes to express our sincere appreciation for the Chilean Presidency's stewardship during the unprecedented period leading up to this conference. The President has taken important and at times difficult decisions to ensure that this 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting of States Parties is able to be convened here in Santiago. This is an achievement well appreciated by all parties concerned.

We also thank the representative of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) for the update on the Convention's financial status.

Efforts to improve the overall efficiency and financial governance of the UN under the new mechanism, *Umoja* ('unity' in Swahili), are welcomed. The support and cooperation with UNODA is important in carrying out measures necessary to ensure a smooth transition towards the full implementation of this new mechanism. However, given the problems we have witnessed regarding the convening of the MSP, certain measures to ensure a smooth transition are needed.

In this regard, my delegation wishes to highlight the following:

- On the part of the United Nations Office at Geneva, Financial Section, a well-planned budgetary cycle and the Convention's financial status should be communicated to States Parties, Signatory States and Observers periodically and in a timely fashion.
- The *estimated* contribution for the Convention's upcoming expenses should also be circulated well in advance.
- Such communication should be done not just for this Convention, but also across all other disarmament conventions.

- This should allow each State Party to have a complete picture of their financial responsibilities and enable them to make well-informed decisions. For each convention, the States Parties can then make informed collective decisions to adopt necessary measures in relation to contribution received.

We wish to reiterate our commitment to cooperate and work closely and constructively with the Secretariat, relevant United Nations Agencies and other stakeholders to promote transparency and financial governance for the benefit of all, in particular the landmine victims.

Thank you.

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