

STATEMENT
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at the 18th MSP to the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention

Agenda item 9.f. Universalization of the APMBC

Mr. President, Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Indonesia believes that the realization of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention's objectives depend on the commitment of States Parties, to protect its people and put an end to the suffering and casualties caused by anti-personnel mines.

Indonesia therefore joins others in reiterating our pledge to the full and effective implementation of the Convention and the Oslo Action Plan, adopted by the 4th Review Conference.

The last review cycle in 2019 has helped us in tracking, both the progress and the remaining challenges in the pursuit of the Convention's goals.

We also welcome the continued increase in the number of state parties, however there are still more than 30 States who are not part of the Convention.

Mr. President, even one state outside the convention is still too many for us, to be able to achieve the Convention's ultimate goal to eliminate anti-personnel mines worldwide.

Universalization should remain our priority. Thus, efforts to promote more ratification and strengthen the convention norms must continue.

Mr. President,

Indonesia has played an active role in various meetings under the Convention frameworks, national implementation (demining), as well as in promoting universalization of the Convention in our own region.

On this context, Indonesia wishes to underline the importance of regional initiatives in streamlining the objectives of the Convention.

The ASEAN Regional Mine Action Centre (ARMAC) is a clear example of such regional initiative. ARMAC serves as a center of excellence to assist any ASEAN member states in research, knowledge, handling and raising awareness on the effect of explosive remnants of war, including landmines.

To conclude, Indonesia stands ready to engage actively in supporting the implementation of priorities set forth by the Oslo Action Plan, particularly on the urgency to universalize the Convention. I thank you