

## **Republic of Indonesia**

### **Statement before the The Seventh Meeting of the States Parties (7MSP) Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production, and Transfer of Anti Personnel Mines and on their Destruction 18 September 2006**

Madame President,  
Excellencies,  
Distinguished participants,

On behalf of the delegation of Indonesia, allow me at the outset to join others to congratulate you in assuming your task as president of the meeting. I would also like to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude to the Geneva International Center for Humanitarian Demining (GIHCD) and the organizer for the excellent arrangements of our meeting. It is indeed an honour and pleasure for my delegation to attend and address the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of States Parties to the mine ban treaty.

As a non user, non producer as well as non affected country, Indonesia fully shares and continues to commit itself to the spirit and purpose of the Convention since its inception. It is in this regard that Indonesia has always been supportive to all resolutions on land mines in the United Nations General Assembly since 1996.

Madame President,

As a signatory state to the Convention, Indonesia is well aware of the concerns of states parties to the state of Indonesia's ratification process. Allow me at this stage to reaffirms that being late in ratifying it does not indicate Indonesia's lack of commitment to the principles and objectives of the Convention and towards its universalization. It is in this context that I am pleased to inform the meeting that just a week ago, on 11 September 2006, the Government of Indonesia had submitted the draft law of ratification to the Parliament for consideration. With this submission Indonesia is now in the final stage of the ratification process. We do hope that the ratification of the Convention will follow soon and in the next meeting Indonesia could participate fully as one of the States Parties to the Convention.

I thank you Madame President.