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Mr Chairman,
Excellencies,
Distinguished delegates,
Ladies and gentlemen,

Please allow me at the outset, to express our delegation's happiness in attending the Meeting of State Parties to the mine ban treaty for the first time as a full party to the Convention. I would like to extend our sincere appreciation to the Government and people of Jordan and the organizers for the excellent arrangements and hospitality extended to our delegation since our arrival in Amman. I would also like to congratulate you Mr. Chairman on your election to the presidency of this important meeting. I believe that under your wise and able leadership we will achieve productive results.

Mr. Chairman,

The Government of Indonesia had submitted the instrument of ratification of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction to the Secretary-General of the United Nations on 16 February 2007. Subsequently, on 1 August 2007 the Convention has entered into force for Indonesia in accordance with article 17 (2) of the Convention. Indonesia is aware that by being a State party to the Convention, there are obligations that Indonesia must fulfill, including preparing the transparency report within six months after the Convention came into force as mandated by article 7 of the Convention.

Mr Chairman,

The ratification of the Convention by the Government of Indonesia shows the support of Indonesian people to the universal humanitarian values of the Convention to stop the victims caused by the use of anti-personnel mines. We are certainly happy and proud to be a member of the anti-personnel mines family. From a long time ago, Indonesia is of the view that these horrendous weapons are too cruel to use for its inhumane nature and for such reasons the Indonesian military never used them in any conflicts.

After ratifying of the Convention, the responsibilities to implement the provisions in the Convention lie ahead. The Government of Indonesia is ready to have a full compliance of the Convention. Indonesia is now preparing the implementation of the Convention including the destruction of stockpile of anti-personnel mines possessed.

Finally, as a new State Party to the Convention, Indonesia looks forward to working together closely with other parties to further implement the Convention and universalizing its values.

I Thank you Mr. President