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

Indonesia attaches great importance to the issue of cooperation and assistance in promoting and implementing the Mine Ban Convention. We note with appreciation that some States Parties in a position to do so have been providing assistance for the care and rehabilitation, and social and economic reintegration of mine victims as well as for mine awareness programs. My delegation kindly encourages these states to continue to do so in the years to come.

In fulfilling its international obligation in maintaining international peace and security, Indonesia has been actively participating in the United Nations Peace Keeping Operations in many conflict areas in various regions of the world. Part of the activities that Indonesia was involved in such operations included detecting and clearing land mines. In this context, the Government of Indonesia has set up a training center for military personnel involved in the Indonesian peace keeping battalion and one of its curriculums includes the training of detection and clearance of landmines.

In view of the above, Indonesia would welcome any international cooperation and assistance in supporting the detection and demining training. Moreover, Indonesia would also highly appreciate receiving expertise and to share information in the following fields:

- New type of mine detectors
- Mine clearance skills for new type of mines
- Demining and destruction technologies.

Finally, Mr. Chairman, let me reiterate Indonesia's firm commitment to fully implement the Convention and work closely with other parties to ensure its full implementation.

I thank you.