

Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention Pledging Conference New Zealand Statement

Thank you Mr Chair

New Zealand is pleased to be participating in this second Pledging Conference of States Parties to the Ottawa Convention. The Conference was an excellent innovation introduced by Chile, as President of the 15th Meeting of States Parties, and we hope that it continues to attract support, both under the presidency of Austria and into the future.

In keeping with the announcement we made at the inaugural pledging conference last year, New Zealand is again making a modest contribution to the work of the Convention's Implementation Support Unit in 2017. Our donation of NZ\$5000 is commensurate with what we understand New Zealand's assessed contribution would be, were the ISU to be funded compulsorily. In keeping with our earlier announcement of a multi-year pledge, this contribution will be made again also in 2018.

It is, of course, too soon to know whether the financial system adopted at the 2015 MSP will ensure sustainable resourcing for the Implementation Support Unit. We do, however, encourage all States Parties to provide whatever support they can to the Unit, not least in its efforts to support our collective efforts to fulfil the goal of a mine-free world by 2025.

Finally, Mr Chair, please allow me to take this opportunity to wish Austria the very best for its Presidency of the Convention. You have our full support.

Thank you.