

Thank you, Mr. President. It is a pleasure to see Sudan lead the Mine Ban Convention this year and to be gathered here under your leadership today.

At the Oslo Review Conference, the States Parties agreed on 50 actions we need to take to fully implement the Convention and to reach our common goal of a mine-free world. This is an important year, where implementing the Oslo Action Plan is a key priority for all States Parties. It certainly is for Norway. Thank you, Mr. President, for your leadership and efforts in that regard. We stand ready to support you.

Another important source of support to the Presidency and to all States Parties comes from the ISU. On behalf of Ambassador Brattskar and the whole Norwegian presidency team, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the ISU for the support rendered to the presidency in the lead-up to the Review Conference. I would also like to stress the important job the ISU does in assisting and supporting all States Parties as they fulfil their obligations under the Convention. It is in recognition of the important role the ISU plays that Oslo Action Plan action 10 encourages States Parties in a position to do so to provide voluntary resources for the effective functioning of the ISU.

I am therefore pleased to announce that **Norway will make a voluntary contribution of 300 000 Norwegian kroner to the operation of the ISU in 2020**, pending final budgetary approval.

Norway continues to place high priority on implementing the Convention in the field and is proud to support mine action in 20 countries worldwide. We will continue to be a consistent partner to mine action and to the Convention as a donor and a member of the Committee on Article 5 implementation.