

Statement

by

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The Fifth Annual Pledging Conference

(Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention)

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Mr. President,

1. I wish to congratulate you on your Presidency of the Eighteenth Meeting of the State Parties of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention. I look forward to your leadership and you can count on my delegation's full support for the success of the meetings this year.
2. Thailand has fulfilled its financial obligation through the deposit of assessed contribution for 2020 earlier this month.
3. In addition, for the last 4 years, Thailand had contributed 10,000 CHF annually to the ISU during 2016 – 2019 which corresponded to the previous ISU's work plan.
4. In order to continue supporting the long-term financial stability of the ISU, I am happy to inform this Annual Pledging Conference that, in September last year, the Thai Cabinet has approved our financial support to the ISU of 10,000 CHF annually for 4 years during 2020-2023.
5. The continuity of financial support is key to the efficient operation of the ISU. Therefore, Thailand urges other member states and international organizations to also commit to supporting the ISU on a multi-year basis.
6. I thank you.