

Statement by the representative of Indonesia, Col Bambang Irawan
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Thank you Mr Co-Chairperson,

I would like to inform the General Status and Operation of the Ottawa Convention of the Republic Indonesia. Indonesia signed the Mine Ban Treaty on 4 December 1997, the Government of Indonesia established a National Ad-Hoc Working Group on Mine Ban Treaty coordinated by Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Department of Defence. The working Group had the mandate to coordinate all concerned parties including : Department of Trade and Industry, Universities, NGO's to issue a National Action Plan for Dissemination of the Mine Ban Treaty, to Provide Standard Operating Procedures and a Technical Manual on Stockpile destruction, to draft national implementation legislation, to translate the Mine Ban Treaty into the local language and to establish a database on stockpile antipersonnel landmines. As signatory state, Indonesia has a strong commitment to take part in the effort of the international community to bringing to an end the suffering and casualties caused by anti personnel mines. Indonesia participated in the Third of State Parties to the Mine Ban Treaty in Nicaragua in September 2001, The Indonesia delegate in the informal ASEAN Meetings held on the side of the Third Meetings of States Parties, to discuss the ASEAN context. Indonesia participated in the "Landmines in Southeast Asia" conference in Bangkok, 13-15 May, 2002, participated in the 1st ISC Meetings in February 2003 and the 2nd ISC Meetings, 12-16 May, 2003.

The process ratification of Ottawa Convention, at the present is in the process towards its ratification. The procedures of ratification for Ottawa Convention, the Academic papers and the Initiative Letters should submitted after Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty ratification that it was simply a matter of legislative and parliament agenda priorities.

Thank you Mr Co-Chair.

The delegation of the Republic of Indonesia to the
Ottawa Convention.
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