



**NPA Statement on  
Item 4. Matters related to the mandate of the Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation  
and Assistance  
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Thank you, Chair,

The upcoming Fifth Review Conference of the APMBC marks a new milestone for this important treaty and will once again set the stage for how we engage with and implement this treaty in the coming five years. To ensure that the Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan will be successful and implemented to its fullest, we must remember that the success of the Treaty relies on meaningful cooperation and engagement by all States Parties. This includes a clear commitment and engagement through funding opportunities, capacity development, exchange of knowledge and lessons learned and most importantly – that we all work effortlessly towards the goal of actual completion of Convention obligations.

As we have previously highlighted, NPA is concerned about the growing list of countries with low contamination which are close to completing their Article 5 obligations, but still do not manage to cross the finish line.

The success of the Convention lies in the full, not partial, implementation of its obligations. We therefore wish to see more joint efforts by donor states to coordinate amongst each other to provide the necessary support to ensure completion, such as through forming completion initiatives with affected states, mine action platforms and pooling conventional funding resources into a completion fund. Affected States should also do their utmost to provide detailed, time-bound and realistic completion plans that allow for good cooperation between donor states and affected states, with clear objectives for fulfilling the treaty obligations.

We welcome and stand ready to support the extension request submitted by Peru and supported by Ecuador as an excellent example of what cross-border cooperation should look like. We hope that other affected states with cross-border contamination follow suit and that donor countries reward it with sufficient funding. Such cross-border cooperation initiatives should be recognized, encouraged and supported, as these are important efforts in fulfilling the Convention's obligations.

We further emphasize that the solution to appropriate allocation of resources within our sector lies in pulling resources into conventional institutional funding. The most valuable outcome of the Fifth Review Conference for the success of this Treaty would be an actionable commitment to establish a completion fund under this Convention, with a functioning machinery up and running no later than by the Meeting of States Parties in 2025.

We hope that next time we all meet in Siem Reap, States Parties will champion the establishment of the completion fund through pledging resources to it. The benefit of a completion fund would be massive, allowing affected States Parties with low and long-term contamination, which

often fall outside of the humanitarian scope and priorities of many donor countries, to get the final bit of support needed to achieve completion and fulfil their treaty obligations.

Thank you.