

BELGIQUE

Compliance

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(Belgium aligns itself with the EU declaration and wishes to make the following comments in its national capacity.)

Mister Chair,

Excellencies,

Dear members of the mine-action community,

Belgium continues to be strongly committed to the full implementation and respect of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention in order to move towards a mine-free world as soon as possible and firmly condemns the use of anti-personnel mines by any actor under any circumstances.

Belgium encourages any State Party to the Convention involved in armed conflict, to remain vigilant regarding the use of antipersonnel mines, to continue to thoroughly investigate any alleged use of antipersonnel mines including of an improvised nature by its armed forces or proxies, to be transparent on the results of these investigations and to communicate openly on any steps undertaken (also to prevent potential future use) as well as to engage in an open dialogue with all relevant actors within the framework of the implementation mechanism of the Convention.

Furthermore Belgium underlines and reacknowledges the role of civil society organisations in making sure that the convention's norms are upheld and that States Party abide by their legal commitments so that our common goal in the fight against these crude indiscriminate weapons can be reached, namely the protection of girls, boys, men and women.

Let's all continue to work together for more humanity!

Thank you M. Chair.