

**Statement by Lao Delegation**  
**On National Implementation Measures**  
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Mr. President,

Excellencies,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

My delegation would like to extend our appreciation to New Zealand for its excellent work in coordinating the National Implementation.

Since its accession to the CCM, the Lao PDR has taken a number of steps in order to implement the provisions of the CCM, particularly, integrating the CCM obligations into its National Policies and developing a legal framework that facilitates the UXO/Mine Action Programme in the country.

National Strategy on UXO sector entitled: “Safe path Forward II” for the period of 2011-2020, Prime Minister Decree (No. 67/PM, date 12 February 2018) on the Organization and Operations of the National Regulatory Authority for UXO in Lao PDR, Prime Minister order (No.39, dated 08 September 2016) on the UXO Clearance and Risk Reduction Education and the National Sustainable Development (SDG 18) remain the main frameworks mobilizing the Mine/UXO action work. In realizing such strategy, the action plans have been developed including the action plan for central and local authorities to enhance their capacities and ensuring the full implementation.

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Capacity training on the National database (IMSMA) was provided to the Provincial Regulatory Authority for UXO/Mine Action Sector to ensure the prioritization planning process at local level. Recently numbers of gender and youth mainstreaming activities have significantly increased across sectors. Apart from having the NRA handling the UXO/Mine Action activities, some of the works have been carried out by government specialized agencies such as UXO survivors training and gender mainstreaming in the UXO sector are led by the Lao Women Union and the Lao Youth Union also takes part in Risk Reduction Education work.

UXO Sector in Lao PDR remains significant part to the social-economic development. Therefore, the inputs and indicators of the 9<sup>th</sup> National Social-Economic Development Plan (2021-2025) will feature three main components of UXO/Mine Action indication namely: Survey and Clearance, Risk Education and Victim Assistance.

Since many of the policy frameworks will be concluded this year, thus from next year onward, we plan to adopt the new National Strategy for UXO Sector (2021-2030) “The Safe Path Forward III”, Mine Risk Education Strategy, update Victim Assistance strategy and National Standards in Chapter 4.

Mr. President,

On the final note, I would like to reaffirm our strong will and commitment to continue implementing the CCM in a comprehensive manner. We will also pursue our close collaboration with other States Parties and International Organizations. I would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to all and look forward to our even strengthened collaboration in the near future.

I Thank you