



Kingdom of the Netherlands

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Mr. President,

As one of the largest humanitarian donors worldwide, assistance for clearance and destruction of cluster munitions and mines remains an important policy priority for the Netherlands.

The Netherlands has for many years allocated large amounts of funds to mine action programmes on clearance, risk education, victim assistance and capacity building. Through its 'Mine Action and Cluster Munitions' multi-annual programme for the period 2020-2024, the Netherlands is contributing a total of 41 million Euros to mine action operators. These operators, selected via a tender procedure, are the Halo Trust, Humanity and Inclusion, Mines Advisory Group, Danish Demining Group and Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining.

They will be working with our funding on projects in South-Sudan, Afghanistan, Libya, Ukraine, Somalia, Lao DPR, Iraq, Syria and Lebanon. In addition, 10 million Euros is reserved for emergency response.

Furthermore, we contribute 3 million Euros per year to UNMAS in unearmarked core funding. We have also made contributions to UNMAS activities in Afghanistan and Iraq, both valued at 3 million Euros each, as well as 4,5 million Euros to UNDP for humanitarian mine action in Yemen for the period 2016-2021.

Thank you Mr. President.