



Permanent Representation
of the Federal Republic of Germany
to the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva

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International Cooperation and Assistance

Chair,

[Support for mine action]

- In 2020, Germany has increased the level of support for mine action around the world, on a political level as well as financially.

[Country Coalition Conference]

- October 13th, we held together with Bosnia and Herzegovina a Country Coalition kick-off conference to discuss with a diverse group of stakeholders - 40 participants - the status quo of mine action in BH.
- We hope that the **Country Coalition Concept** which has been introduced by Germany during our Presidency of the Cluster Munition Convention will serve as an effective tool to assist BiH to fulfil its legal mine action obligations, including the clearance of all cluster munition impacted areas
- Important steps forward - like reconvening donor board meetings, adopting appropriate legislation, updating the National Action Plan with measurable indicators and so on -

could be identified. We will continue with this format next year.

- One piece of information from the conference: EU funding from a two-year programme of 10 m. Euro for demining activities was reallocated on the request of BH to the fight against COVID. This as an indicator for the competition for funding which got more intensive with the pandemic and which will probably be a phenomenon on the global level.

[Financial Support for Mine Action]

- This year, Germany will spend more than 47 million EUR on humanitarian mine action, including the disposal of cluster munition and other explosive remnants of war, in 13 countries and regions.
- German-funded activities focus on the full spectrum of mine action: survey and clearance of landmines, cluster munitions and explosive remnants of war; mine risk education; mine victim assistance; and advocacy.
- Germany works with specialized NGOs, the ICRC and International Organizations, such as UNMAS, UNDP and UNICEF. We will continue our efforts in the area of mine action, including assisting affected partners in reaching the goal and respective deadlines of declaring becoming free of anti-personnel landmines and cluster munition.

[Outlook]

- Germany emphasizes the need for States to sustain funding for mine action. In particular with regard to the COVID-pandemic, competition for funding got more intensive. This phenomenon will probably remain present on the global level in the next years.

- Thank you, Mr. Chair.