



**STATEMENT BY THE REPUBLIC OF TÜRKİYE**  
**CONVENTION ON CLUSTER MUNITIONS**  
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Thank you, Mr. President,

-At the outset, allow me to extend my sincere congratulations to you, Mr. President, on your assumption of the Presidency and, through you, to express our appreciation to the authorities of the Lao People's Democratic Republic (Lao PDR) for hosting this Conference and for their generous hospitality.

Mr. President,

-Türkiye remains firmly committed to the objectives of arms control, disarmament and non-proliferation and supports multilateral efforts aimed at strengthening international peace and security.

-Türkiye is party to almost all major international disarmament and non-proliferation instruments, including all export control regimes, and attaches utmost importance to the full and effective implementation of due commitments.

Mr. President,

-Despite not being a signatory to the Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM), Türkiye shares the humanitarian concerns that guide the efforts to limit the indiscriminate use of weapons, including cluster munitions and appreciates the humanitarian spirit embodied in the Convention.

-We are particularly concerned about the use of cluster munitions against civilians. Türkiye supported the drafting of a protocol to the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW) concerning cluster munitions, which would have included major users and producers and strengthen the overall UN disarmament machinery.

-Türkiye has continued to engage with the work of the Convention, including through its participation as reflected in Türkiye's cooperation in the field of humanitarian mine action and unexploded ordnance (UXO).

-Türkiye's cooperation with ASEAN and its Member States on humanitarian mine action and unexploded ordnance has included institutional support, knowledge sharing, risk education and victim assistance.

-Türkiye provided a funding of approximately 100,000 USD in 2020 to the project entitled "Strengthening Early Warning Systems and Incorporating UXO Risk Education in Lao PDR", implemented in the framework of the Türkiye-UNDP Partnership in Development Program.

-The Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TİKA) provided medical equipment and supplies to Orthotic and Prosthetic Centers in Lao PDR in 2025, in support of rehabilitation efforts for persons with disabilities.

-Turkish Mine Action Center (TURMAC) also participated, with two experts, in the Humanitarian Mine Action Seminar held in Huaphan Province, Lao PDR in last December. On that occasion, TURMAC shared Türkiye's experience and expertise, including through presentations on domestically developed Mine/Unexploded Ordnance Clearance Systems and its Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE) practices.

-These activities illustrate my country's willingness to share its experience and capabilities and to contribute, where possible, to humanitarian mine action and unexploded ordnance related efforts.

Mr. President,

-Currently, Türkiye gives priority to devote considerable resources and efforts to fulfilling its obligations arising from the Ottawa Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction.

-While in 2011, Türkiye has completed the destruction of its stockpile of approximately 3 million anti-personnel mines under Article 4 of the Ottawa Convention, representing approximately 6% of the total anti-personnel mines destroyed under the Convention, continues its efforts to fulfil its Article 5 obligations, including through the clearance and release of approximately 210 square kilometers of remaining hazardous area, which makes it also difficult to assume additional responsibilities.

Thank you, Mr. President.