

Iraq



**Statement of the Republic of Iraq**  
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In order that, the efforts of staff/workers in the Iraq Mine Action Programme “ whether these efforts government or humanitarian organizations and commercial companies (accredited by the Iraqi government) and other international efforts” in support of the mine action programme, and which was, and still have the upper hand and the great importance in making our country safe, by clearing many of farmland, residential sites and clearing contaminated sites of many electricity and oil projects of an economic and strategic importance.

**Mr. President**

My Government is now engaged in a fierce battle against gangs, criminal terrorist organizations, who are trying to undermine the sovereignty of Iraq and to return it to the Dark Ages, whereas the impact of the battle with it’s remnants, will lead to extend Iraq clearance operations for many years.

In light of Iraq's accession to the treaty, it has become a big responsibility for the Iraqi government to meet the treaty’s obligations. So I call the international community and international humanitarian organizations to cooperate with our government, to eliminate everything that disturbs our lives, through increased international support for a number of international organizations working in the area of mine action, and in this regard we would like to express our thanks and high appreciation to all donor countries and organizations that supported Iraq in the past, and the present, in order to enable Iraq to get rid of this frightening ghosts which kills our children daily.

**Mr. President**

In conclusion, I would like to confirm the support of my Government to the final announcements which will be issued from this conference, and we believe that the proposed text is acceptable and meets the minimum ambitions we look for and fight for it, and we assure that we will work to make our best efforts to ensure the full implementation of the Convention, and contribute to the achievement of its universality.

**Thank you very much for your kind attention**

**Mr. President of the Conference,**

**Your Excellences,**

**Distinguished Delegations,**

**Ladies and Gentlemen**

At the start of my statement, I would like once more to present my thanks and appreciation for the great efforts made by the Republic of Mozambique to arrange the holding of this conference and commend the outstanding management of distinct sessions of this conference, I also thank all employees of Implementation Support Unit (ISU) of the Convention, and we are confident that this conference through the support of all delegations will present a clear message, calling for enhanced efforts to rid humanity of the dangers of landmines and move towards a global convention.

**Mr. President**

Iraq was, and still is, one of the most countries that stroke by destructive wars, and its collection of war remnants, for nearly a quarter of a century, lead to the outcome of a tragic of tens of thousands of victims and persons with disabilities, and the painful and heavy legacy of millions of land mines and unexploded ordnance, as a result of the previous defunct regime's policies, which still kills the children of our country.