

**Intervention by
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Mr. President,

Thailand firmly believes that international cooperation and assistance can play an important role in increasing the efficiency of mine clearance as well as enhancing victim assistance. We also strongly believe that cooperation and assistance does not have to be financial but also the sharing of technology, know-how, equipment, expertise, experience, and learnings. We also encourage the support on developing and promoting bilateral, regional and international cooperation including sharing national experiences and good practices in the Maputo Action Plan. With this in mind, Thailand has carried out the following programmes and activities:

1. We proposed the establishment of “Platform for Partnerships” as a platform where needs and assistance can be matched. In this regard, Thailand welcomes the Maputo Action Plan’s call for all States Parties to contribute to the Platform for Partnerships information exchange tool. We believe that the further enhancement of this tool will result in tangible partnerships in cooperation and assistance that will support the full implementation of the platform.

2. As Co-Chair of the Standing Committee on Resources, Cooperation and Assistance, Thailand hosted the Bangkok Symposium on Enhancing Cooperation and Assistance in Bangkok in June 2013. One key message from the Symposium was that in order to enhance the effectiveness of the Convention’s implementation, cooperation and assistance needed to be viewed in broader contexts and to utilise the full range of resources available.

3. Last year, Thailand conducted a Study Programme on the country’s humanitarian mine action for the delegation of Myanmar in order to share Thailand’s best practices and lessons learned in the area of mine clearance, risk education and victim assistance, among others. In this connection, Thailand stands ready to offer our expertise and share our experiences with other friends and partners.

Last but not least, Thailand supports enhancing of cooperation and assistance, be they at the bilateral, regional or multilateral levels. In this regard, Thailand recognises the establishment of the ASEAN Mine Action Center (ARMAC). We hope that this regional center will strengthen a network of cooperation among ASEAN Member States and between ASEAN Member States and related international partners to provide support for each other in addressing humanitarian issues from mines and ERW.

Thank you.
