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REDUCING RISK FROM EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE MAKING COMMUNITIES SAFE



19th Meeting of MSP APMBC: Opening Remarks

- The unprecedented pandemic challenge puts our capabilities and our resilience to the test.
- We can be proud of the flexibility and adaptability our institutions and our coworkers have shown through ought the past eighteen months, allowing us to continue our work towards a minefree world.

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EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE





Undeminished Need for Mine Action

- Our work on the ground, close to the lives of the people we want to protect, is fundamental. Thus, our determination remains strong.
- As a competence center the GICHD greatly welcomed the Dutch Presidency's 2021 focus on capacity building, inclusivity and innovation. These priorities mirror our domains of expertise.

Unfortunately, I see no light at the end of the tunnel.





60 STATES AND TERRITORIES CONTAMINATED



Capacity Development is Key

- Local capacities institutionally supported and adequately equipped with human, technical and financial resources are a precondition for effective, efficient and sustainable mine action programmes.
- We are responsible to assure adequate capabilities to fully achieve the implementation of the APMBC under the leadership of affected States.

Capacity development is a long term effort. Close to four decades of demining have taught us so.



National Ownership Supported Internationally

- Developing national capacities strengthens national ownership and fosters local empowerment.
- Following the important paradigm of "as local as possible and as international as necessary" fosters the responsibility of affected States to fulfill APMBC commitments.

As local as possible – as international as needed.



Gender and Diversity Mainstreaming

- We continue to mainstream gender and diversity in our strategies, plans and implementation activities.
- This will strengthen the contribution of mine action to broader processes addressing humanitarian protection, development and peace for all as a catalyst and enabler.

Mine action will only be effective if integrating needs of diverse groups of people in affected communities.



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Technology and Innovation

- Innovation can be about devising new systems or methodologies but just as well about new ways of implementing existing solutions.
- We keep on exploring both paths, pushing boundaries with new technologies and innovation and at the same time capitalizing on lessons learnt.

Technology and innovation support the performance of mine action.



Implementing the Oslo Action Plan

- Two years ago, we set an ambitious, yet realistic, plan and we provided this plan with a robust framework to monitor its implementation.
- This result-based approach will strengthen the quality, the effectiveness and the efficiency of our work – for the sake of mine affected communities.

The Oslo Action Plan is supported by a robust monitoring.





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HOW WE OPERATE









INTERNATIONAL MINE ACTION STANDARDS





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AMMUNITION STOCKPILES MANAGEMENT





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