

# Twenty-seventh Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects

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1. Indiscriminate use of landmines pose a significant security challenge to the international community. In recent years, thanks to the joint efforts of all parties, positive progress has been made in international mine action. However, affected by multiple factors, the landmine situation in some countries remains severe. All parties urgently need to strengthen cooperation to help mine-affected areas eliminate risks and hidden dangers as soon as possible, restore normal production and life, and achieve development and prosperity.
2. China attaches great importance to the significant role played by the Amended Protocol II of the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW) in striking a balance between addressing the humanitarian concerns related to landmines and meeting legitimate military needs. We call on all States that have not yet joined the Protocol to do so as soon as possible, in order to further enhance its universality and effectiveness.
3. China believes that international mine action should adhere to the following principles: First, full account should be taken of the specific national conditions and needs of affected countries, and assistance and cooperation in mine clearance should be carried out in light of local realities. Second, efforts should be made to support affected countries in strengthening their own capacity building, so as to shift from reliance on external assistance to self-reliance and achieve sustainable development in mine action. Third, actions should be action-oriented, supporting all parties in exploring innovative approaches, diversifying resource channels, and improving the tangible effectiveness of assistance and cooperation in mine clearance.
4. China has always attached great importance to the humanitarian issues caused by landmines, faithfully fulfills its obligations under the Protocol, and actively carries out international cooperation in humanitarian mine clearance. Through various actions such as material assistance, personnel training, and on-site guidance, China has helped mine-affected countries enhance their capacity for mine clearance. According to incomplete statistics, since 1998 China has provided mine action assistance to more than 40 countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America, held nearly 30 international training courses on humanitarian mine clearance, and helped affected countries clear tens of thousands of landmines, contributing to the safety and well-being of local populations.
5. Last year, President Xi Jinping announced during the 2024 Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation that China would implement the "Action for a Mine-free Africa". So far, two batches of projects have been successfully implemented, providing strong support for mine action capacity building, survey of contaminated areas, and mine risk education in countries such as Ethiopia and Somalia as well as for the African Union.
6. Looking ahead, China will continue to uphold the vision of building a community with a shared future for mankind, promote the implementation of the Global Security

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Initiative and the Global Governance Initiative, further strengthen exchanges and cooperation with all parties, actively promote international humanitarian mine action, and make unremitting efforts to reduce the harm caused by landmines to civilians across the world.

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