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1. Ukraine emphasizes the important contribution of Amended Protocol II into the improvement of the global situation in tackling the mine threat problem.
2. Our country is facing unprecedented challenges caused by the Russia's full-scale military invasion of Ukraine. Massive air and missile strikes on populated areas throughout Ukraine and the use of anti-personnel mines of remote mining, improvised explosive devices (IED), by Russian troops are leading to a steady increase in civilian casualties. The Russian army uses prohibited cluster munitions in peaceful settlements and agricultural lands. Civilians, including children, critical infrastructure workers and farmers are becoming victims of mines and explosive ordnance. According to the information of the competent authorities of Ukraine, between August and October 2025, the Russian Federation used more than two dozen different types of weapons, including such mines like POM-2, the latest POM-3 "so-called Medallion", PTM-3, anti-personnel mines PMN-4, PMN-2, PMN-3, as well as PFM-1S. Settlements, forests, and roads are contaminated with mines such as MON and OZM.
3. Russia is in gross violation of Protocol II to the CCW and must be held accountable for these violations.
4. Ukraine fully complies with its obligations under Protocol II, the main purpose of which is to protect civilians from the effects of hostilities. Pyrotechnics units of the State Emergency Service of Ukraine are making every effort to clear the territory of Ukraine of explosive ordnance and mines, strictly adhering to the requirements of the Amended Protocol II. Since the beginning of the Russian war of aggression, 158 km² of territories of our country have been cleared by mine action operators certified in Ukraine. Quality control has been carried out on 932 sites with a total area of 103.2 km². During this year, quality control inspections of demining have been carried out on 630 sites with an area of 79.4 km². Our country gives great importance to the Mine Risk Education. The Ministry of Internal Affairs and the Ministry of Defence of Ukraine are taking all possible measures to ensure the safety of Ukraine's civilian population from explosive devices, by distributing instructions and recommendations and conducting awareness-raising activities on the risks associated with explosive devices.

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5. Ukraine is grateful all our partners for their valuable assistance in demining. Taking into account the wide range of tasks which our country faces today in the implementation of Amended Protocol II, the Ukrainian side would be grateful for further technical and financial assistance in addressing them as well as looking forward to intensifying the cooperation with our partners.
