

Dear ladies and gentlemen,

Dear colleagues,

Allow me to extend my thanks to the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS), especially Mr. Max Gaylard who is not here with us, Mr. John Flanagan and Mr. Noel Mulliner for choosing the Croatian Mine Action Centre to be the partner in the organization of the Eleventh Meeting of Mine Action Programme Directors and United Nations Advisers.

I hope that we were up to your expectations and we are convinced that this meeting is one more example of a successful contribution to the development of mine action around the world.

In support of the importance of this Meeting is also the facts that it has been extremely well media covered and supported by the Government of the Republic of Croatia.

At the end of the Eleventh Meeting, allow me to wish you a safe trip back home and much success in your professional and personal lives. I hope for an opportunity of seeing you all again very soon and raising the global mine action to an even higher level.

Thank you.