

STATEMENT BY CANADA

MASG MEETING

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Canada appreciates the important work of the Mine Action Support Group (MASG).

Since 2006, Canada has contributed more than \$230M to mine action. Canadian funding is used to support activities related to the humanitarian impact of all explosive munitions (be they mines, cluster munitions, unattended ordnance or other explosive remnants of war) to increase access to safe land for agriculture and other socio-economic purposes; and enable conditions for stabilization and reconstruction in affected states.

The Global Peace and Security Fund (GPSF), which is currently one of the main sources of funding for mine and cluster munitions action has committed \$10M for mine action over the fiscal years 14/15 and 15/16. The majority of these projects are ongoing, with activities taking place in Afghanistan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cambodia, Colombia, Iraq, PDR Lao, Sri Lanka, Ukraine, and Vietnam.

Canada became a party to the Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM) on September 1, 2015. We have provided funding to cluster munitions decontamination projects in PDR Lao and Vietnam in the last two years. Since 2006, Canada has provided funding for other unexploded ordnance clearance activities in Mozambique, Uganda, South Sudan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Palau the Democratic Republic of Congo, Afghanistan and Chad.