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H.E. Taro Kono
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Japan

Geneva, 2 April 2019

Sent via Permanent Mission of Japan to the UN in Geneva, mission@gv.mofa.go.jp

Re: Thank you for being a donor to mine action

Excellency,

The International Campaign to Ban Landmines wishes to warmly thank you for Japan's sustained financial contribution to a world free of anti-personnel landmines.

This year marks 20 years since the entry into force of the *Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction*. Tremendous progress has been made in understanding the scale of global landmine contamination, in eliminating landmines, and in recognizing the needs of survivors of landmine explosions and other persons with disabilities. Japan's important financial contribution to mine action has been a key factor of this progress.

The Fourth Review Conference of the Convention (24-29 November 2019, Oslo) will provide a roadmap for the work ahead. The previous Review Conference, held in Maputo, adopted 2025 as an aspirational target date for completing, to the fullest extent possible, the implementation of the Convention. We strongly believe that, with renewed efforts, this goal is reachable.

As we collectively head towards 2025, we trust that Japan and other donor countries will remain fully committed and will continue to provide indispensable political leadership and financial support to mine action. This is a unique opportunity to be part of a resounding success in international affairs. We look forward to working with you to this end, until the job is done.

Please receive, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Hector Guerra
Director

CC: *H.E. Ambassador Junichi Ihara, Permanent Representative of Japan to the UN, Geneva*
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