

**L.36 : Implementation of the convention on the Prohibition of the Use ,  
Stockpiling , Production and Transfer of Anti Personnel Mines and on their  
Destruction.**

**Explanation of vote after the vote by Mr. Rakesh Sood,  
Permanent Representative of India to the Conference on Disarmament.  
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Mr. Chairman,

India remains committed to the objective of a non-discriminatory, universal and global ban on anti-personnel land mines through a phased process that addresses the legitimate defence requirements of states while ameliorating the critical humanitarian crisis that has resulted from an indiscriminate transfer and use of landmines.

We believe that the phased approach commends itself as a confidence building process, enabling states, especially with long borders, to safe-guard their legitimate security needs.

The process of complete elimination of anti-personnel mines will be facilitated by addressing the legitimate defensive role of anti-personnel landmines for operational requirements under the defence doctrines of countries concerned, through the availability of appropriate militarily-effective, non-lethal alternative technologies that can perform, cost-effectively, the legitimate defensive role of anti-personnel landmines.

We would support negotiations in the Conference on Disarmament for a ban on transfers of anti-personnel land mines on the basis of a mandate that reflects the interests of all delegations. India has been an active participant in the CCW process and has ratified all its protocols including Amended Protocol – II on Landmines. Therefore, India has abstained on this resolution

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