

**THIRD REVIEW CONFERENCE OF THE
STATES PARTIES TO THE
CONVENTION ON PROHIBITIONS OR
RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF
CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS
WHICH MAY BE DEEMED TO BE
EXCESSIVELY INJURIOUS OR TO
HAVE INDISCRIMINATE EFFECTS**

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DECLARATION ON ANTI-VEHICLE MINES

Addendum

Declaration

Presented by Israel

1. Israel associates itself with the declaration made by the representative of Denmark set out in document CCW/CONF.III/WP.16 on the issue of MOTAPM which is in line with Israel's policy and practices.
2. Israel wishes to reiterate its commitment to the objective of reducing human suffering caused by irresponsible and indiscriminate use of certain conventional weapons. This commitment has been manifested by Israel becoming a party to APII.
3. In view of the increasing threat of terrorism, Israel warmly welcomes the provision of this declaration that prohibits the transfer of mines to non-state actors. Israel views this provision to be of fundamental importance in states' responsibility to prevent the transfer of arms to terrorists.
4. Israel wishes to reiterate its understanding regarding this declaration:
 - (i) Israel understands that the declaration's principles accommodate the necessary distinction between military practices that prevail during time of conflict and military practices that apply during other situations. This distinction was the understanding reached during the negotiations we held on MOTAPM in the past five years.

- (ii) Israel understands the term "stated" in Paragraph 2(iii) of the Declaration to be in line with Article 8(1)(c) of APII, namely to indicate consent by the recipient State to apply the principles of this declaration.

5. Israel believes that this Declaration is an important contribution to the objectives of the CCW and that it could serve as a good point of departure for future negotiations on the MOTAPM Protocol within the CCW framework.
