
**Fourth Review Conference of the States Parties to
the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use,
Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of
Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction**

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**Interpretative Statement of the Delegation of the
Holy See to the Fourth Review Conference of the
Convention on Anti-Personnel Landmines**

The Holy See expresses its full support to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction and, while sharing the objectives of the Oslo Action Plan and the Oslo Declaration on a Mine Free World 2019 adopted by the Fourth Review Conference, wishes to make the following interpretative declaration on the concepts contained therein:

The Holy See emphasizes that any references to “gender” and related terms are understood according to the ordinary, generally accepted usage of the word “gender”, based on the biological identity that is male and female. In this regard, the Holy See recalls its Final Statement, offered at the conclusion of the Beijing Conference on Women, on 15 September 1995: “The term “gender” is understood by the Holy See as grounded in biological sexual identity, male or female [...]” (Cf. Holy See’s Final Statement at the 4th World Conference on Women, Beijing, 1995).

