Thank you, Mr. President.

The ICRC has long called for rules applicable to the use of anti-vehicle mines to be strengthened to enhance the protection of civilians, and we continue to witness the unacceptable humanitarian consequences of anti-vehicle mines on civilian populations resulting from past and ongoing armed conflicts. In this respect we welcome efforts to advance discussions on mines other than anti-personnel mines (MOTAPM) within the framework of the amended Protocol II to the CCW. And we urge states to adopt more stringent restrictions on the use of anti-vehicle mines in their national policies, and to share these policies with other CCW High Contracting Parties.

Thank you.