

**Declaration of the Second Meeting of Signatories to Geneva Call's  
"Deed of Commitment for Adherence to a Total Ban on Anti-Personnel Mines  
and for Cooperation in Mine Action"**

Recognizing the responsibility of all parties to armed conflict to both respect and ensure respect for humanitarian norms;

Stressing the importance of ownership by armed non-State actors and internationally non-recognized and partially recognized States in efforts to achieve compliance with humanitarian norms;

Noting that humanitarian engagement does not affect the legal status of any actor;

We, the participants of the Second Meeting of Signatories of the Geneva Call *Deed of Commitment*.

- Commend the increased international support for, and adherence to, the *Deed of Commitment* as well as the progress in its implementation and monitoring since the First Meeting of Signatories;
- Encourage and support Geneva Call in its continuing efforts to universalize the anti-personnel landmine ban, and in the expansion of its thematic areas of operation, such as the protection of women and children in armed conflict;
- Undertake to increase efforts towards greater universal adherence to international humanitarian norms;
- Support the development of a *Deed of Commitment* or other effective instruments on the protection of children in armed conflict;
- Undertake to encourage the active and full participation of women and men in the efforts to promote humanitarian norms, in particular those norms related to the protection of women and girls during armed conflicts;
- Request Geneva Call and other relevant organizations to facilitate training of armed non-State actors and internationally non-recognized and partially recognized States on international humanitarian norms;
- Encourage all States, in situations where armed non-State actors and internationally non-recognized and partially recognized States are involved, to support efforts made by humanitarian agencies and international bodies to engage such actors towards the respect of humanitarian norms.

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