



**EWIPA POLITICAL DECLARATION  
PROPOSALS OF THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA**

SI agrees with the proposal that the **IEDs get a more prominent place in the declaration.**

**Slovenia also proposes the following additions to the text:**

**1. Appeal for universalization of relevant instruments in the field of disarmament:**

The Ottawa Convention and CCM - both conventions are touching on IEDs in ERW, and therefore we believe that the appeal for the universalization of relevant instruments (possibly also CCW and the relevant Protocols) is needed/relevant.

*Text proposal within section 3 or 4 of the draft:*

**"Strengthen the efforts pertaining to the universalisation of relevant disarmament instruments, such as the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction and the Convention on Cluster Munitions."**

**2. Inclusion of a reference on relevant standards on marking, clearance, removal and destruction of ERW (e. g. International Mine Action Standards in United Nations Improvised Explosive Device Disposal Standards).**

*Text proposal for inclusion within point 3.6 of the draft:*

**"Ensure the marking and clearance, removal or destruction of ERW (explosive remnants of war) in accordance with applicable international law and standards;"**

**3. Inclusion of a reference on education on ERW and IED risk education :**

We are happy that one of the elements of the declaration also refers to victim assistance and post-conflict stabilization. Apart from that SI believes that also a reference to preventive measures on ERW and IED risk education is important.

*Text proposal for inclusion within point 4.3 of the draft:*

**"Make every effort to assist victims, families and affected communities, in a non-discriminatory manner and taking account of the rights of persons with disabilities, as well as supporting post-conflict stabilisation and promoting mine and ERW risk education".**