China did not join the Ottawa Convention on prohibiting antipersonnel mines and their eradication. However, it completely shares "the aims and intentions of the countries who signed it [the convention],” the Chinese ambassador to Tajikistan, Wu Hongbin, told participants at the international conference on antipersonnel mines “Progress for purposes of the Ottawa Convention in Central Asia”, and he set out his country’s position.

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China does not currently possess antipersonnel mines, “an operation on clearing its [China’s] borders of antipersonnel mines was conducted after signing the 1998 demining protocol,” the diplomat said.

“Sharing the concerns of the world community over the danger of collecting up the mines, their usage and measures to eradicate them in Central Asian countries, China is ready to finance such of projects,” Wu Hongbin said.

A seminar on this issue will be conducted in China as early as April, he added.

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