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Statement on Transparency Measures

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Mister President,

I deliver the following statement on behalf of the Inter-Agency Coordination Group for Mine Action (IACG-MA, comprising the 14 United Nations Departments, Agencies, Funds, and Programmes involved in mine action.

The United Nations appreciates the feedback from the Coordinator for Reporting (Belgium) on the status of the national transparency reports. We commend the States Parties that have already met their reporting obligations, as well as the three states not party that have submitted voluntary transparency report: Canada, Democratic Republic of Congo and Palau. However, the United Nations is concern by the about 25% of States Parties that have not yet submitted their initial reports. Transparency report is a formal treaty obligation and failure to submit initial reports and annual updates is a breach of compliance with the Convention.

We encourage States Parties to redouble their efforts in ensuring full compliance with Article 7, but also to provide substantive information on needs, plans and progress in the implementation of the CCM and the Vientiane Action Plan. This would be helpful considerations for the United Nations and others in being able to provide appropriate, relevant and timely assistance, as required.

The United Nations takes this opportunity to remind that national reporting under a humanitarian disarmament treaty such as the Convention on Cluster Munitions, is not only a confidence building measure and a monitoring mechanism but also an important cooperation and assistance information tool.

Moreover, I would like to underline that the United Nations is currently providing mine action support to a number of States having joined the Convention and that our assistance also cover the preparation of Article 7 reports. In specific, those states are as follows: Afghanistan, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Burundi, Cote d'Ivoire, Guinea Bissau, Lao PDR, Lebanon, Mauritania, Mozambique, Niger and Senegal.

Though fully recognizing that States are ultimately responsible for compliance with obligations under Article 7, the United Nations commits once again to do our outmost to ensure that States Parties submit good quality transparency reports in a timely manner.

Thank you,