



## **United Nations Inter-Agency Coordination Group on Mine Action**

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### **Statement on Compliance**

**Delivered by Ms. Agnès Marcaillou, Director, UNMAS  
on behalf of the Inter-Agency Coordination Group for Mine Action (IACG-MA)**

Mr. President,

I am delivering the following statement on behalf of the Inter-Agency Coordination Group for Mine Action (IACG-MA), comprising the 12 United Nations Departments, Agencies, Funds, and Programmes involved in mine action.

Taking into account that the Secretary-General is the Depositary of the Convention on Cluster Munitions, the United Nations considers compliance with the provisions and obligations of the Convention is of paramount importance to maintain a strong Convention and the credibility of international humanitarian law; to ensure assistance and cooperation is mobilized in support of the Convention's implementation; and, ultimately, to eliminate these weapons altogether, as well as their unacceptable impact.

The United Nations welcomes that no issues of non-compliance with the Convention by States parties or signatories have been raised since the entry into force of the Convention. This is indeed good news and indicates that the norm against cluster munitions is becoming stronger. The United Nations is looking forward to seeing the same level of compliance and enhanced implementation of the Convention in the future.

While the United Nations commends compliance by States parties and signatories, the IACG remains deeply disturbed by the use of clusters munitions in Syria and adds its voice to the numerous states parties, signatories – and non-states parties – that have condemned such use.

The fact that so many States parties have spoken out against the use of cluster munitions in Syria is another testimony to the commitment to compliance with the Convention, particularly obligations under Article 21.2.

The United Nations is of the view that reports on the use of cluster munitions must be considered with the utmost attention and seriousness and must be investigated as soon as possible. The United Nations has repeatedly condemned the use of cluster munitions by all parties in a conflict.

The United Nations believes that with the strong commitment of States Parties and the dedicated support of the international community, deadlines for clearance and stockpile destruction can and will be met. In this regard, the United Nations encourages the timely preparation of clear plans and strategies, with appropriate benchmarks and targets.

The UN would like to also recall its statements under previous agenda items stressing the importance of compliance for the implementation of Rule of Law in general, as well as international humanitarian and international human right laws.

Thank you.