



# United Nations Inter-Agency Coordination Group on Mine Action

## Intersessional Meeting of the Convention on Cluster Munitions

### Statement on National Implementation Measures and on Reporting

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Mr. President,

The following statement is delivered on behalf of the Inter-Agency Coordination Group on Mine Action (IACG-MA)<sup>1</sup>, comprising 14 United Nations entities involved in mine action.

The United Nations should like to thank the coordinators, New Zealand and Belgium, for their work on this section of the Dubrovnik Action Plan.

The United Nations encourages States Parties to share their experiences in taking legal, administrative and other measures necessary to implement the Convention. Bearing in mind that there are different legal systems in different regions, exchanges of best practices is extremely useful in this area.

There are many tools available to develop and take appropriate legal and administrative measures to implement the CCM, including drafting model legislation and specific ICRC legal guidance regarding cluster munitions. If States Parties require additional support in this area, the United Nations stands ready to provide additional support.

The United Nations supports the reference, in the relevant section of the draft Dubrovnik Action Plan, to the dissemination of the obligations in the CCM and to national implementation measures to the armed forces, that must be reflected in military doctrine, policies and training.

Since reporting is also being discussed under this agenda item, the United Nations takes this opportunity to reiterate once again that submitting reports is not an option but an obligation under the CCM. As raised continuously by several of you, the level of reporting, as well as its quality, need to be improved continuously. The United Nations is ready to support those States Parties facing constraints in the production and submission of transparency reports.

Thank you.

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<sup>1</sup> The Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO) / United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS) (Chair), Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), UN Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), UN Development Programme (UNDP), Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), UN Children's Fund (UNICEF), UN Office for Project Services (UNOPS), UN Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), World Food Programme (WFP), World Health Organization (WHO), United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) (Observer), and the World Bank (Observer).