



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

### Second Preparatory Meeting of States Parties for the First Review Conference of the Convention on Cluster Munitions

#### Statement on the draft Dubrovnik Action Plan

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Madam Chair,

The following comments are 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 acknowledges the work put into developing this draft Dubrovnik Action Plan, in particular by the Coordinators of the different Working Groups. The current document represents a good basis for the final text. It reflects effective preparation based on the review of the Vientiane Action Plan and the various documents circulated at the First Preparatory Meeting of 5 February.

Since the United Nations has already raised comments on specific thematic sections in the draft Dubrovnik Action Plan at the Intersessional Meeting during the last two days, comments will be short, of a more generic nature, and focus on four points.

First, the draft Dubrovnik Action Plan may be improved with a section on partnerships, as contained in the Vientiane Action Plan. If States Parties decide not to incorporate specific actions on partnerships, they should at least be highlighted elsewhere, including in the introduction.

Second, the United Nations considers that an additional effort ought to be made in several thematic sections by stressing the role of the United Nations and specifically mentioning it in the text. For example, in the National Implementation section in the statement, “ICRC and other relevant actors” it is suggested that the United Nations be mentioned by name.

Third, the United Nations supports adding systematically throughout the text, criteria and indicators of success. The mechanism for Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) for “The Strategy of the United Nations on Mine Action 2013-2018” is already in place and data is currently being collected and analysed. The application of M&E to the Dubrovnik Action

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Plan is yet another opportunity for collaboration between States Parties and the United Nations.

Fourth, a small editorial comment: the acronym “UN” is used. It is suggested that it be replaced by the full name “United Nations” instead.

The United Nations remains available to assist the Presidency, the Coordinators and States Parties in the process of finalizing the Dubrovnik Action Plan.

Thank you.