



United Nations Inter-Agency Coordination Group on Mine Action

Intersessional Meetings of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention

Statement on matters related to the mandate of the Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance

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Mr. President

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

The United Nations should like to thank you for the presentation on behalf of the Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance, as well as for the preliminary observations.

Last year, several United Nations entities had the honour to sign the Maputo Declaration. Through the Maputo Declaration, which highlighted the partnership with the United Nations, States Parties committed to strengthen national ownership and capacity; to enhance cooperation and to establish partnerships for completion. These commitments represent the main principles of Article 6 of the APMBC. Affected States Parties have the right to seek assistance, but they need to demonstrate national ownership. When this happens, partnerships for completion become solid.

The United Nations continues to play an important role in fostering these partnerships in support of our vision of a world free of the threat of landmines and explosive remnants of war.

The United Nations looks forward to productive exchanges during the thematic discussion on fostering partnerships prepared by this same Committee.

Thank you.

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