



United Nations Inter-Agency Coordination Group on Mine Action

Intersessional Meetings of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention

Statement on Stockpile Destruction

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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.

Thank you for your preliminary observations regarding the status of stockpile destruction.

The United Nations is concerned about the fact that three States Parties have missed their respective deadlines for destroying stockpiled anti-personnel mines a number of years ago and are still not able to comply with their Article 4 obligations. This is also not good for the credibility of the APMBC. Relevant States Parties should endeavour to comply with Article 4 obligations at the earliest possible time.

The United Nations looks forward to further updates by those three States Parties, as well as by the delegations of Finland and Poland, on progress in the destruction of their stockpiles of anti-personnel mines within their deadlines. The United Nations would also welcome the initial transparency report by Oman due by mid-July, and in case of any indication of stockpiles, the plans for their destruction.

Thank you.

¹ 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).