



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

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### **Statement on Transparency, initiative on Reporting Geneva, 3 December 2015**

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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 United Nations entities involved in mine action.

The United Nations welcomes the updated version of the Guide to Reporting, which would assist States Parties in the fulfilment of their reporting obligations under Article 7 of the Convention. This guide will be circulated among United Nations entities to enable their staff to assist national authorities in implementing this article on a timely and effective manner.

The United Nations looks forward to an improvement on both the quantity and the quality of national transparency reporting, as a way to improve compliance with this important obligation.

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).