



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

### **Third Review Conference of States Parties to the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention**

#### **Statement on “Measures to ensure compliance”**

##### **Agenda item 7 (g)**

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

The United Nations recalls that compliance is of particular significance to us. The negotiators of the Convention entrusted the Secretary-General to be its Depositary, and in this role he attaches greatest importance to the effective and faithful implementation of this instrument of International Humanitarian Law (IHL). Violations of the core provisions of the Convention represent a threat to IHL and could lead to its erosion if they are not strongly and timely addressed.

At the 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting of States Parties, the Secretary-General of the United Nations added his voice to those condemning reported cases of use of anti-personnel mines and expressed his deep concern about allegations of use in four States Parties, one of which was later confirmed (Yemen). The Secretary-General also urged all States Parties to assist in the clarification of these allegations, and act accordingly should such allegations be confirmed.

Should consultations and cooperation on issues related to compliance not lead to an agreeable and suitable result, the Secretary-General is ready to process formal requests for clarification and to exercise his good offices in application of the relevant provisions in Article 8 of the Convention.

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The United Nations will continue to assist processes of clarification, as it did recently in South Sudan through UNMAS. Should there be any new instance of allegations of use by States Parties, it is hoped that it would be addressed in the same spirit of cooperation.

Transparency and accountability are principles of high importance to the IACG-MA. The United Nations will always be available to assist in the process of clarification of allegations of breach of the Convention.

Thank you.

