



United Nations Inter-Agency Coordination Group on Mine Action

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Mr. President,

The United Nations thanks the Coordinator for the report on Cooperation and Assistance and supports its recommendations.

The report is reflective of the issues raised by the United Nations during the Group of Experts meeting in April under the issue of Cooperation and Assistance.

The United Nations wishes to take this opportunity to recall that the General Assembly Fourth Committee has adopted on 16 October, without a vote, the draft resolution¹ on Assistance in Mine Action. This resolution provides a framework for United Nations assistance as mine action continues to evolve. More than ever, mine action is “More than mines”.

With regard to cooperation, this General Assembly resolution calls, *inter alia*, for:

- a) the continuation of South-South, regional and sub-regional cooperation;
- b) States in a position to do so to support mine-affected States, upon request and as appropriate by providing:
 - i. assistance for the establishment and development of mine action capacities;
 - ii. support for national programmes to reduce the risks from mines and ERW;
 - iii. reliable, predictable, timely and, when possible, multi-annual contributions for mine action (including for rapid response in humanitarian emergencies), through different funds, including the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund for Assistance in Mine Action;
 - iv. technological assistance.

Thank you.

¹ http://www.un.org/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/C.4/70/L.8