



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

### **Ninth Conference of High Contracting Parties to Protocol V on Explosive Remnants of War to the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons** **Statement on Generic preventive measures**

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Mr. Coordinator<sup>1</sup>,

The United Nations thanks you for your work and welcomes your report, as well as its recommendations. The United Nations also encourages High Contracting Parties to respond to the questionnaire regarding the management of munitions sites and on the application of the International Ammunition Technical Guidelines (IATG) at the national level.

Minimizing the occurrence of explosive remnants of war is an important endeavor for High Contracting Parties and one to which the United Nations is particularly engaged through several of its in-country operations. This was highlighted many times by delegations during the general exchange of views. Though not a legal obligation, Protocol V encourages High Contracting Parties to take generic preventive measures, such as munitions management, training and other initiatives as referred to in Part 3 of its Technical Annex.

The United Nations is also able to provide a range of services such as the training of armed forces or national police forces, and the construction of storage facilities.

Linked to generic preventive measures in the framework of Protocol V, the United Nations looks forward to the consultative meeting on the safe and secure management of conventional ammunition, organized by Switzerland next week in Geneva.

Thank you.

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