



**Permanent Mission of Belgium  
to the Office of the United Nations and the  
other International Organisations**

Geneva, 13 March 2013

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The Ambassador

N° 13/ 63

Excellency,

Please find enclosed a letter of the Coordinator on Article 7 Reporting, Major Aviator Lode Dewaegheneire, on the submission of the annual transparency report.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'B. de Crombrugghe'.

Bertrand de Crombrugghe  
Permanent Representative

13 March 2013

To : The Permanent Missions to the United  
Nations of the States parties to the Convention  
On Cluster Munitions

Re : Convention on Cluster Munitions / Article 7 reporting

Your Excellency,

Your state adhered to the Convention on Cluster Munitions (hereafter referred to as "the Convention"). According to Article 7 paragraph 2 of the Convention, each State Party is required to submit no later than 30 April of each year, an annual transparency report, covering the last calendar year (from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 31<sup>st</sup> of December), and containing updated information on measures taken to implement the Convention.

In the *Vientiane Action Plan 2010 – 2014*, the States Parties agreed to

- "Fulfill their obligations to annually update Article 7, and where relevant Article 3, paragraph 8, transparency reports and maximize reporting tool to assist and cooperate in implementation, particularly in cases where State Parties must take action to destroy stockpiled cluster munitions, clear cluster munitions remnants, assist victims or take legal and other measures referred to in Article 9", Action 59;
- "To the extent possible, take full advantage of the flexibility of the reporting process, to provide information on matters not specifically required but which may assist in the implementation process and in resource mobilization", Action 60

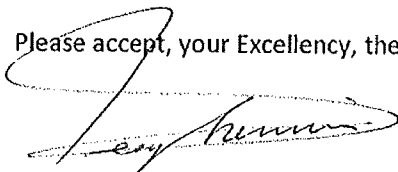
In September 2012, States Parties to the Convention highlighted in Oslo the continued importance of reporting and transparency obligations in the fulfillment of the Convention's obligations. At the same meeting a "Guide to Reporting" was proposed to assist States Parties in submitting their reports. This "Guide to Reporting", together with the reporting forms, is available at the website of the Convention (<http://www.clusterconvention.org/documents/transparency-reports/>) and States Parties are encouraged to take full advantage of this tool.

Should you have any questions about Article 7 reporting, please feel free to contact me (Tel +32475865805 or mail [lode.dewaegheneire@mil.be](mailto:lode.dewaegheneire@mil.be)).

Finally, please note that reports submitted in accordance with Article 7 should be forwarded to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in care of the following address: CCM Article 7 Officer, United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (Geneva Branch), Palais des Nations, Room C-113.1, Avenue de la Paix 8-14, 1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland. FAX: +41-22-917-0034, Email: [ccm@unog.ch](mailto:ccm@unog.ch).

In addition, wherever possible, reports should be submitted electronically in at least one of the official languages of the Convention.

Please accept, your Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration,



Lode Dewaegheneire  
Major Aviator  
Coordinator on Article 7 Reporting