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Statement on Transparency Measures

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Mr. President,^{1 2}

The following statement is delivered on behalf of the Inter-Agency Coordination Group on Mine Action (IACG-MA) comprising the United Nations entities³ involved in mine action.

States Parties are reminded that provisions in Article 7 of the Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM), on transparency measures, are legally binding, but also provide them with an excellent opportunity to share their progress, as well as their challenges, in implementing the CCM.

Therefore, the United Nations would like to take this opportunity to congratulate France, Germany and Italy, which, in sharing their progress in implementing the CCM, recently announced the completing of the destruction process of their cluster munition stockpile.

While thanking the States Parties who have submitted their Article 7 national reports covering 2015, we note that, as of 7 September, 45 States Parties have failed to do so. Furthermore, of those States Parties, 23 have not even submitted their initial reports in compliance with paragraph 1 of Article 7.

The United Nations makes a special call to States Parties to comply with this obligation, and encourages those having difficulties in preparing and/or submitting their national reports to reach out and request support from the United Nations in this endeavour.

Thank you.

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