

Mr. President

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I have the honor to deliver this report in order to highlight the work has been made since the 8MSP of the CCM in the context of Transparency Reporting.

As we are all aware all States parties to the convention on cluster munitions are required to report initially within 180 days of entry into force of the Convention for the state party and then annually with updates by 30 April of each year. Additionally, Action 6 of the Dubrovnik action plan encourages states parties to the CCM to fulfill their initial and annual reporting obligations on time.

Mr. President

In its capacity as thematic coordinator for transparency measures, Iraq had three main objectives over the last twelve months. One was to facilitate increase in the number of states parties submitting their initial article 7 transparency reports by the 9MSP, the second to encourage increase the rate of timely submission of annual reports and third, to facilitate increase in the practical use of reporting. To achieve these objectives, Iraq employed three strategies:

The first was to identify States requiring assistance in submitting their initial report.

Second, was to interact with States parties through bilateral meetings and workshops such as the one that was held in the margins of the 73th session of UNGA in New York under the kind facilitation of New Zealand as the coordinator on national implementation measures.

Lastly, among these strategies was working together with the ISU to regularly send reminders to the States parties on submission of the 2018 reports ahead of the 30 April of 2019 deadline.

Mr. President,

During the period under review 5 States parties namely Iceland, Namibia, Sri Lanka, Tunisia and Benin submitted their initial transparency reports. Three of these were long overdue while the other two were on time. There now remain only 10 States parties still to submit an initial transparency report. Letters were sent to all States parties with overdue initial reports and followed up with bilateral meetings with national delegations at various other meetings such as the 39th and 40th session of the Human Rights Council. We also convened several bilateral meetings with most of the state parties with an overdue initial transparency report. Therefore, of the 104 States parties that should have complied with this obligation of the Convention, as of today, 94 states have so far done so. We wish also to inform that the initial reports for the newest state parties, the Gambia and the Philippines will be due on 28 November 2019 and 28 December 2019 respectively.

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Regarding, annual transparency reports, it is worth noting that during the period under review, the number of States submitting their annual reports on time decreased with many submitting their reports after the 30 April deadline. However, as at today only 22 States parties still have not yet submitted the 2018 annual transparency report. This represents a 73 percent annual reporting rate.

In concluding, Mr. President, as Coordinator on Reporting, we wish to take this opportunity to appeal to those States parties that still need to submit their 2018 reports to do so as soon as possible and if possible before the end of this month.

I thank you, Mr. President, for the floor.