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**Cooperation and Assistance**

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Madam President, distinguished delegates,

- > Effective cooperation and efficient delivery of assistance are key elements in fulfilling CCM treaty obligations and thus contributing to save lives, enhance security and promote development.
- > Mine action still lacks a complete and accurate picture of the extent of the explosive hazards problem, as well as the impact it has on countries, communities and people. The GICHD endeavours to accelerate progress toward global clarity by supporting national authorities and their partners in adopting effective survey and reporting methods, implementing sound information management practices, and documenting the impact of both explosives contamination and mine action.
- > There are also still major shortcomings in the delivery of value-for-money by mine action programmes. Achieving results and documenting success requires a clear understanding of both costs and benefits, as planned and actually delivered. The GICHD endeavours to enhance the capacities of national authorities and their partners in designing and implementing programme-based resource allocation systems. As there is clear expectation of stonger national ownership, the GICHD will put greater emphasis on transition-processes.
- > In the context of the CCM, the GICHD
  - ❖ is refining the approach to Land Release in a cluster munition context;
  - ❖ is developing a concept for the introduction of smarter detection technology of sub munitions;
  - ❖ is supporting countries in the reporting process by conducting conceptual and technical upgrades to existing Information Management systems;
  - ❖ is developing a Cluster Munition identification tool;
  - ❖ is supporting the development and review of National Mine Action Standards.

Thank you.