



## **Transparency Measures**

**Wednesday 18 April 2012**

Ms. Coordinator,

I am delivering the following statement on behalf of the Inter-Agency Coordination Group for Mine Action (IACG-MA) comprising 14 UN entities involved in mine action.

With 70 countries joining the CCM, reviewing the Article 7 reports of each of those countries poses a significant work load, and one we hope to see increase as more countries join the Convention. We recognize and appreciate the great work done by the Cluster Munition Coalition and the Cluster Munition Monitor in undertaking this arduous task. The Cluster Munition Monitor has acknowledged the overall positive compliance regarding Article 7 submissions, and we note that this represents an indication of the impressive political will that exists to implement the CCM. At the same time, this same source has expressed concern at the wide variation in quality that is found among the reports.

We would also encourage States Parties to use Article 7 transparency reports to report progress in the implementation of the relevant actions in the Vientiane Action Plan, including for example national strategic mine action plans or stockpile destruction plans.

The United Nations is currently providing mine action support to a number of States that have joined the Convention and our assistance generally could cover the whole spectrum of obligations in the CCM, including in the preparation of Article 7 reports. These states currently include: Afghanistan, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Guinea Bissau, Lao PDR, Lebanon, Mozambique and Niger.

While the responsibility for reporting and compliance with other obligations of the Convention rests with the States Parties, where the United Nations is engaged, we commit ourselves to do our utmost to ensure States Parties to the CCM submit high quality transparency reports in a timely manner.

We take this opportunity to thank once again Belgium for the leadership provided on matters related to transparency reporting.

Thank you Ms. Coordinator