



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

Geneva, 13 March 2013

The Ambassador

N° 13/ 64

Excellency,

Please find enclosed a letter of the Coordinator on Article 7 Reporting, Major Aviator Lode Dewaegheneire, on the submission of the initial transparency report according to the provisions foreseen in Article 7.

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

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

Bertrand de Crombrugghe
Permanent Representative

13 March 2013

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 of the Convention, each State Party is required to submit as soon as practicable, and in any event no later than 180 days after the entry into force of this Convention for that State Party, an initial transparency report on the provisions foreseen in Article 7, paragraph 1. Your State is in this case or will shortly be.

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

- "Fulfill their obligations to provide initial transparency reports under Article 7 without delay and where relevant, include information on any retention, acquisition or transfer of cluster munitions or explosive submunitions for the purposes described in Article 3, paragraphs 6 and 7", 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

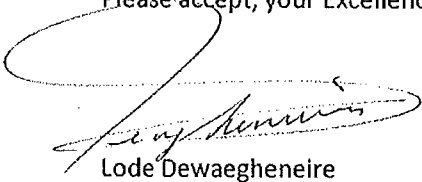
At the 3 MSP in Oslo, a "Guide to Reporting" was proposed to assist States Parties in submitting their reports. This "Guide to Reporting", together with the reporting forms, is available at the website of the Convention (<http://www.clusterconvention.org/documents/transparency-reports/>) and States Parties are encouraged to take full advantage of this tool.

Should you have any questions about Article 7 reporting or need assistance, please feel free to contact me (Tel +32475865805 or mail 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.

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