

Mine Action Review Statement on International Cooperation and Assistance

Item 3(e): International Cooperation and Assistance **CCM Intersessional Meetings, 16-17 May 2022**

Thank you, Mr. President.

Mine Action Review welcomes the Lausanne Action Plan adopted last year, which provides a useful blueprint for best practice in implementation of the Convention. We believe that the concrete and measurable Action Points and Indicators are extremely useful in monitoring implementation – both setting a baseline of where performance currently stands and subsequently providing annual monitoring to measure progress through to the Third Review Conference.

In the same way as we have for the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention's Oslo Action Plan, Mine Action Review will also be conducting parallel civil society monitoring of twenty of the Lausanne Action Plan indicators related to survey and clearance. The monitoring will draw on Mine Action Review's annual research, which includes input and reporting by States Parties and their national mine action centres, as well as input from clearance operators, UNMAS, UNDP, GICHD, and other expert organisations. We will publish the provisional results of our Lausanne Action Plan monitoring ahead of the Tenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention.

It goes without saying, however, that the results of the monitoring on their own will not result in change. They must also be used and analysed by national authorities and their implementing partners, including donors, to identify what can be done to meet each of the indicators – including provision of operational, technological, or financial support, where required.

Mine Action Review would like to emphasise the importance of Action Point number 42 of the Lausanne Action Plan, which relates to the establishment of Country Coalitions by affected States Parties, to provide a platform for regular collective dialogue and strengthened coordination. With respect to survey and clearance efforts, so far, we have only seen country coalition-style platforms established in Lebanon, in partnership initially with Norway, and since 2021 co-chaired by the Netherlands; Montenegro, in partnership with Norway; and in Bosnia and Herzegovina, in partnership with Germany. We welcome that Mauritania and France are also considering hopefully establishing a Country Coalition. We encourage all affected states and donors to actively seek to establish Country Coalitions, as a valuable mechanism to improve coordination of implementation efforts and enhance progress towards completion.

Lastly, we welcome the references in the Lausanne Action Plan to the importance of taking into account the environmental impacts of mine action and the inclusion in Action Point 39 of exchanging best practices and sharing experiences on environmental protection. With this in mind, we would like to kindly draw States Parties attention to the policy brief published by Mine Action Review last October, on 'Mitigating the Environmental Impacts of Explosive Ordnance and Land Release', which can be found on our website.

Thank you.