



Mine Action Review Statement

(delivered by NPA on behalf of Mine Action Review)

Item 8: General Exchange of Views

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Thank you, Mr. President.

I am delivering this statement on behalf of Mine Action Review.

We welcome the adoption of the Lausanne Action Plan at part two of the Second Review Conference last year. The action points and indicators are a useful tool for the Convention to help measure progress in implementation and application of good practice.

We would like to draw delegates attention to the fact that Mine Action Review has published a parallel civil society monitoring of twenty indicators relevant to survey and clearance. The provisional results of our monitoring, which can be found on the Mine Action Review website, are in many instances different to the Convention's Progress Report monitoring. This is expected and is because Mine Action Review draws on all available information from our in-depth country level research in liaison with national authorities, clearance operators, UNMAS, UNDP, GICHD, and others, and not only on official treaty reporting. We welcome feedback and input on the provisional results.

We encourage States Parties, donors, and their implementing partners to make use of both the Convention's Progress Report and Mine Action Review's monitoring, which together help provide a good picture of the current baseline of implementation. We also welcome and stand ready to support any efforts to adapt the reporting format, as per action 45 of the Lausanne Action Plan, to help make it easier for States Parties to report on implementation more comprehensively.

Mine Action Review's monitoring also includes a guide with commentary on the meaning and importance for Article 4 implementation of the action points we monitor.

The utility and benefits of the Lausanne Action Plan can only be derived if we collectively use the results of monitoring to identify where affected States Parties are not currently meeting key indicators and then actively take remedial actions to address these gaps, drawing on financial or technological expertise if required.

Failure to do this will hinder progress towards completion and risks that we will see affected States Parties that could have completed clearance, still on the list of contaminated states at the Third Review conference in 2026.

Lastly, Mine Action Review joins the condemnation of use of cluster munitions in Ukraine. We condemn use of cluster munitions by any actor, at any time. We also encourage Ukraine to accede to the CCM and help receive support that the Convention offers in helping address what is significant, and sadly continuing, new contamination.

Thank you.