



Mine Action Review Statement

(delivered by NPA on behalf of Mine Action Review)

Item 10(i): Gender mainstreaming in the implementation of the Lausanne Action Plan

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Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Mine Action Review welcomes the strong inclusion of gender and diversity in the Lausanne Action Plan, which in turn helps support mainstreaming of gender and diversity in implementation of the Convention. We also thank France and Namibia for their efforts as the first Gender Focal points for the Convention and we warmly welcome elaboration of the Terms of Reference for the Gender focal points.

According to Mine Action Review's monitoring of the Lausanne Action Plan, only 30% of affected States Parties have either a work plan or a strategy that integrates gender and diversity of populations; and 50% report on the inclusion of gender, as well as the diversity of populations in survey and clearance planning and prioritization. We hope to see this increase to 100% implementation by States Parties for both indicators.

Reflecting broader gender and diversity considerations in survey and clearance operations, as well as in the personnel staffing of the mine action programmes, can have a significant and positive impact on overall effectiveness. National authorities and their implementing partners should ensure that mine action is conducted in a way that involves, benefits, and protects everyone and that the barriers are removed to enable full and equal participation. Integrating and mainstreaming gender and diversity considerations into a programme is not something that just happens, it takes proactive, practical steps and proper consideration at each and every stage of programme planning – project design, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation. Every affected State Party should therefore ensure that gender and diversity, in particular of minorities, are effectively taken into account in the implementation of their mine action programme, including determination of clearance priorities and tasks.

Gender and Diversity is one of the seven criteria that Mine Action Review researches and assesses annually. Amongst other aspects, the section on Gender and Diversity in each of our country reports includes the proportion of women who work in national mine action centres and for clearance operators, including the proportion of women in supervisory and managerial roles, and the proportion in operational roles. While this is only one of many indicators of the degree to which gender has been mainstreamed, the results are nonetheless illuminating and indicate there is much work still to be done in this respect in most States.



Lastly, Mine Action Review aligns itself with the statement of the Gender and Diversity Working Group, of which we are a member.

Thank you.