

**Mine Action Review Statement**

**(delivered by NPA on behalf of Mine Action Review)**

**Item 10(i): Gender mainstreaming**

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Thank you, Madame President. I am delivering this statement on behalf of Mine Action Review.

Mine Action Review welcomes this dedicated plenary on Gender mainstreaming; the updates we've heard on the efforts of the gender focal points; the cross-regional statement; and the 12MSP working paper endorsed by many States. We also align to the Statement of the Gender and Diversity Working Group, of which we are co-chair.

We welcome the statement of affected State Party, Lao PDR, and we would like to hear more updates directly from other affected State Parties too, on how they are integrating and mainstreaming gender and diversity into their mine action programmes. Mine Action Review's 'Clearing Cluster Munition Remnants 2024' report, available on the Mine Action Review website, includes a separate section on Gender and Diversity in each cluster munition-contaminated country and for States Parties to the CCM we also assess performance of Gender and Diversity as one the eight criterion we score. This includes collection and publication on the proportion of women in national mine action centres and in clearance operators, including the proportion of women in supervisory and managerial roles, and importantly too in operational roles too. In Lao PDR, HALO Trust has achieved 50% or more women across all three elements of its work force, which is an impressive achievement and demonstrates what is possible.

We know that there are some excellent initiatives taking place in national mine action programmes to mainstream gender and diversity, as demonstrated by Lao PDR. We encourage affected States to report information on these initiatives in the new Form J of the CCM Article 7 transparency report and for other affected States Parties to learn from these examples of good practice.

However, there is still significant room for improvement in many affected States Parties, as demonstrated in the mid-term results of Lausanne Action Plan monitoring. We encourage affected States and their implementing partners to use both the formal monitoring of the action plan and mine action review's monitoring, to identify the gaps in implementation and strive to put measures in place to address the gaps and strengthen the mainstreaming of gender and diversity between now and the Third Review Conference in 2026.

I thank you.