

Mr. President,
Excellencies, colleagues,

Iraq is honored to continue serving as the Coordinator on National Implementation Measures under this Convention. We express our sincere appreciation to H.E. Ambassador Carlos D. Sorreta of the Philippines for his leadership as President of the 13th Meeting of States Parties, and to the Implementation Support Unit for its essential coordination and support.

National implementation measures lie at the heart of the Convention's integrity. Article 9 is not simply a formality—it is the anchor that transforms our collective commitments into national practice.

Since assuming this role, and in cooperation with the Implementation Support Unit, I have circulated a letter to 47 States Parties to gather updated information on their national legislation. These were categorized into three groups:

- **27 States** where legislation is under consideration or in the process of being adopted,
- **9 States** requiring clarification on the status of implementation, and
- **11 States** for which no information is currently available.

This outreach supports the update of a centralized, user-friendly database—now underway in collaboration with the ISU, ICRC, and CMC—which will assist in tracking implementation, promoting transparency, and facilitating knowledge-sharing among States Parties.

Building on this, Iraq has developed a detailed 2024–2025 work plan focused on advancing Actions 47 and 48 of the Lausanne Action Plan. The plan includes targeted outreach to States that have requested assistance, proposals to update and maintain a National Implementation Measures database, and joint meetings with other thematic

coordinators. These efforts aim to support States in adopting or updating their national legislation and to foster collaboration across working groups. Iraq remains committed to promoting practical progress and helping shape a more cohesive and supportive environment for implementation.

Looking ahead, I intend to engage with representatives from the three categories of States mentioned earlier during and the 28th International Meeting of Mine Action National Directors and UN Advisers. These interactions will provide an opportunity to listen, understand their unique contexts, and identify any technical support or clarification that may be helpful to facilitate their implementation efforts.

In that spirit, allow me to express that we are happy to support any State Party that may be in need of assistance in developing or refining their national implementation frameworks. Whether it is through clarifying obligations, sharing model legislation, or connecting them to relevant partners, I remain fully available to assist. I also encourage States to take advantage of the wide range of resources that already exist—including those developed by the ICRC, CMC, New Zealand,—which are tailored to diverse legal systems and circumstances.

In conclusion, I urge States that have not yet submitted or updated their national legislation information to do so—whether through Article 7 reports or by contacting the Coordination Team directly. By strengthening our national frameworks, we not only uphold the Convention's legal force, but also reinforce the humanitarian purpose that unites us all.

Thank you, Mr. President.