

**Statement on International Cooperation and Assistance  
(Agenda Item 3e)  
(delivered by *Mine Action Review*)  
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Thank you, Mr Chair. I am delivering this statement on behalf of the Mine Action Review.

We thank the coordinators on international cooperation and assistance, the Netherlands and Switzerland, and welcome their plans to explore synergies with other conventions, work in collaboration with the coordinators on clearance and risk reduction, and encourage affected States to reach out to them and engage in dialogue on their needs and on country coalitions.

Mine Action Review provides annual civil society monitoring of implementation of 20 indicators related to survey and clearance in Lausanne Action Plan, which are available on our website. We hope that affected States and their implementing partners can use the monitoring results to identify where there are gaps and make progress in addressing those gaps, between now and the Third Review Conference next year.

In our monitoring of Action number 42 of the Lausanne Action Plan, we found that only two of the ten affected States Parties assessed currently have platforms in place to enhance targeted regular dialogue and coordination between stakeholders.

As heard from the distinguished delegate from the Lao Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Lao PDR has a successful Country Coalition under the name “UXO Sector Working Group” (SWG), which meets biannually and is chaired by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and co-chaired by UNDP and by donor countries (with co-chairs rotated alphabetically). Its main objective is to promote the efficiency and transparency of mine action in Lao PDR and increase funding opportunities.

While Lebanon has a Mine Action Forum, co-led between Lebanon and the Netherlands, typically meets twice a year. In the words of LMAC in the additional information Lebanon provided to the Article 4 Analysis Group as part of its extension request: *“The success of the Lebanese Mine Action Forum exemplifies how a committed national authority, transparent coordination, and donor collaboration can greatly enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of mine action operations, making it a model for other countries facing similar challenges.”* We have seen this first hand.

We encourage the other affected States Parties to establish country coalitions or equivalent platforms, and Mine Action Review stands ready to provide support based on our prior experience setting up and participating in such platforms. We also offer our support and to share lessons learned with the coordinators on International Cooperation and Assistance, in this respect.

Thank you.