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- Speaking on behalf of of the Inter Agency Coordination Group on Mine Action (IACG-MA) representing the 12 UN organisations engaged in Mine Action globally
  - o UNMAS, UNDP, UNICEF, UNOPS, WHO, FAO, WFP, UN WOMEN, ODA, OHCHR, UNHCR, OCHA
  
- A brief intervention as the key points are very clear
  1. State the UN's grave concern regarding the decision or intent to withdraw from these vital humanitarian disarmament treaties. Strongly urge all Member States to honour their obligations and where relevant to step away from an consideration of withdrawal
  
  2. Informed that later today on 8<sup>th</sup> April, the SG will be convening his Cabinet level meeting (the Executive Committee) and Mine action and in particular the risks associated with withdrawals from humanitarian disarmament treaties. The Executive Committee is consider the importance of upholding and preserving the norm and principles enshrined in the treaties and how to best communicate and advocate in public and in private on the importance of adherence to and remaining members of the treaties. This is the first time that this topic will be considered at this level and attests to the importance with which the subject is viewed by senior leaders across the UN system.

Thank you for your time.