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Agenda Item IO (g): Transparency Measures



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Thank you, Mr. President.

Our delegation extends its gratitude to Australia, as Coordinator on Transparency Measures, for its work in the implementation of Article 7 of the Convention. The Philippines also thanks Australia for hosting the informal working group meeting on transparency reporting across arms control instruments last March.

Mr. President,

The Philippines underscores the central role of transparency measures in the effective implementation of the CCM. Reporting is not only a legal obligation of States Parties, but also a confidence-building measure that strengthens trust and reinforces the Convention. We also recognize the importance of streamlining reporting requirements across disarmament and arms control conventions—an effort of particular value to delegations with limited resources or without records of use, production, contamination, or stockpiles of cluster munitions.





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During the Southeast Asia and Pacific Regional Workshop on the CCM hosted by the Philippines earlier this year, several participants from non-States Parties expressed concerns about reporting and transparency obligations should they accede to the Convention. For some States Parties, challenges such as inter-ministerial coordination gaps, limited personnel, and lack of technical expertise continue to make reporting a challenge.

The Philippines has recently completed its reporting requirements to the CCM. We note with appreciation the simplified reporting format of the Convention, whereby once the initial report is submitted, subsequent reports need only confirm that the situation remains unchanged. Our delegation extends its gratitude and commends the ISU, as well as the civil society organizations, that provide assistance and capacity-building opportunities to delegations facing challenges in fulfilling their reporting requirements. We call on all States Parties to work in solidarity, exchange best practices, and deepen collaboration in advancing transparency under the Convention.

Finally, the Philippines reiterates its commitment to comply with its Article 7 obligation. We will do our utmost to provide timely and accurate reports as required by the Convention.

Thank you, Mr. President.