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***Introduction***

Mr. Chairman, Director GICHD, Development Partners, Co Chairs, Distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen. First of all, I would like to extend our sincere appreciations to several players who have immensely supported Uganda to implement her Article five obligations; these include UNDP Country Office, Danish Demining Group and other Development Partners.

Importantly, I would like to inform this meeting that Uganda is on course to complying with the Article five dead line - August 2012. To ensure the realization of this goal, deliberate efforts have been put in place. These are reflected in the progress so far attained in clearing identified mine fields and carrying out non technical surveys in suspected areas.

***Clearance progress at Agoro mine fields;***

At the last meeting of States parties, Uganda communicated her plans for manual clearance at the Agoro mine fields. I would now like to report that clearance operations at these mine fields have been stepped up with the training and deployment of additional 39 deminers, raising the clearance capacity to 107. These efforts have resulted in the clearance of 73,673 SQM and destruction of 117 Anti personnel mines. Clearance is still going on with 126,327 SQM to be cleared.

2. Training and deployment of additional 35 personnel to speed up manual clearance at Agoro
3. Engaging mechanical assets in clearing Ngomoromo additional mine fields
4. Continuing with community liaison and mine risk education
5. Continuing to positively collaborate with development partners and mine action NGOs
6. Releasing all cleared land to the communities

A few challenges that Uganda has to address include; the lack of records and maps of contaminated areas, limited mechanical capacities, heavy terrain, un favorable weather conditions and limitations in funding

In concluding, Uganda remains committed to meeting her August 2012 deadline and to rid the entire country of mine contamination. This will involve the engagement of mechanical assets and a sustained collaboration with mine action donors.

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