



## **United Nations Inter-Agency Coordination Group on Mine Action**

**Standing Committee on General Status and Operation of the Convention  
(Co-Chairs: Bulgaria and New Zealand)  
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**Intervention on Transparency and the exchange of information  
Delivered by UNICEF  
on behalf of the Inter-Agency Coordination Group for Mine Action (IACG-MA)**

Thank you Mister Co-Chair,

I deliver the following statement on behalf of the Inter-Agency Coordination Group for Mine Action (IACG-MA), comprising the 14 United Nations Departments, Agencies, Funds, and Programmes involved in mine action.

While recognizing fully the responsibility of States Parties in the regular and timely submission of Article 7 reports, the United Nations uses this opportunity to reiterate the our readiness to assist States Parties in the preparation of their national reports. During this period, UNDP, UNICEF and UNMAS, in the course of delivering their support to mine action, have provided this kind of assistance in a number of cases.

Transparency reporting is not only a treaty obligation for affected States Parties but also serves as a tool for planning, prioritizing and measuring progress of mine action operations and activities of a programme. The United Nations supports efforts to ensure the highest quality of these reports.

Whether or not there is a full-fledged programme of mine action support by anyone of the United Nations agencies in the country there is likely to be a capacity that can help connect with the necessary resources.

Of particular importance is ensuring high standards of reporting regarding progress in the implementation of Article 5 obligations.

UNODA continues to update the database of Article 7 reports with the submissions by States Parties or other states on a voluntary basis.

Once again, the United Nations thanks Belgium, as Coordinator of the Article 7 Contact Group, for efforts to promote enhanced compliance and quality of reporting.

Thank you.