

Iraq's Statement on the status of transparency reporting made on June 2, 2008 during the Standing Committees Meeting:

Republic of Iraq adhered to the Mine Ban Convention on August 15, 2007 and the treaty went into effect on February 1, 2008.

A draft transparency report was recently submitted by the Iraqi Ministry of Defense through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and permanent mission of Iraq in Geneva. This report was an unverified draft and should be disregarded. The Iraqi delegation wishes to clarify that the Government of Iraq has entrusted the responsibilities related to the follow-up on the Ottawa Convention and Mine Action in general to the Ministry of Environment. The article 7 report is currently being processed and compiled at MoEN and efforts are being made to submit this report in time by end of July 2008.