

UNICEF on behalf of all the UN agencies  
Standing Committee on Mine Clearance, 14 May 2003

thank you Mr. co-chair, distinguished delegates. although I am the

UNICEF representative, I am speaking today on behalf of all the UN mine action agencies

we have only prepared a short intervention, as - other than Iraq, on which martin barber (UNMAS) briefed you this morning - not much has changed since we updated you in January.

the UN continues to work in and provide support to 35 mine affected countries, and also in and around Iraq

as Mr. Barber outlined, in Iraq we have piloted the UN mine action rapid response plan, which is one of the key objectives of the UN mine action strategy 2001-2005

for other developments since January, UNDP has prepared a briefing note on its activities, which you can find outside.

in march UNICEF launched its mine action strategy 2002-2005, which outlines what UNICEF can and will do in mine action over that period.

you can also find this on the tables outside.

For general information on UN country programmes, the UN mine action portfolio for 2003 is available outside, and updates can be found on the UN mine action website, [www.mineaction.org](http://www.mineaction.org)

UNICEF is developing a range of mine risk education tools which may be of assistance to affected states: more detail can be obtained by subscribing to our monthly e-bulletin (write to [landmines@unicef.org](mailto:landmines@unicef.org))

thank you again for your attention