BACKGROUND:

Action #23 of the Nairobi Action Plan indicates that “States Parties in a position to do so will act upon their obligations under Article 6 (3) and 6 (4) to promptly assist States Parties with clearly demonstrated needs for external support for mine clearance and mine risk education, responding to the priorities for assistance as articulated by the mine-affected States Parties themselves and ensuring the continuity and sustainability of resource commitments”

In addition, the 1999-2004 review of the Convention, which was adopted by the First Review Conference, noted the challenge of ensuring a renewed commitment “through means such as dedicated funds to assist in the implementation of the Convention and by mainstreaming support to mine action through broader humanitarian, development, peace-building and peace support programmes.”

This point was further emphasized in the Zagreb Progress Report in which it is noted that “States Parties in a position to do so should act with greater urgency to fulfill their obligations under Article 6 of the Convention, taking into account the importance of providing necessary support until implementation of Article 5 obligations has been completed.”

QUESTIONS FOR STATES PARTIES “IN A POSITION TO DO SO” TO CONSIDER USING AS GUIDANCE IN PREPARING A PRESENTATION TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE:

1. What has your State done, since the First Review Conference, to promptly assist States Parties with clearly demonstrated needs for external support for mine clearance and mine risk education?

2. Since the First Review Conference, how has your State used the following means to provide support in the fulfillment of Article 5 obligations?
   a. Dedicated funds to assist in the implementation of the Convention?
   b. The integration of support to mine action into humanitarian programmes?
   c. The integration of support to mine action into development programmes?
   d. The integration of support to mine action into peace-building programmes?
   e. The integration of support to mine action into peace support programmes?

3. What are your plans between now and the Second Review Conference to ensure the continuity and sustainability of resource commitments?