

Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention

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Australia – Transparency

Agenda Item 9: Consideration of the general status and operation of the Convention; g) Transparency and the exchange of information (3 mins)

President,

Transparency, not only in reporting but also in actions, is key to promoting trust and building confidence both within the APMBC and across the disarmament architecture.

In an APMBC context, transparency from States helps us make informed decisions on how we implement the Convention and allocate our resources. It is also critical to aid our understanding of States' progress toward implementing the Convention's Action Plans, and to demonstrate our commitment to the goals of the Convention.

Australia welcomes the ISU's continued work to make reporting simpler for States – especially those whose reporting does not change, or changes minimally, from year to year.

Building on our experience as transparency coordinator for the Convention on Cluster Munitions, Australia sees opportunities to build links across disarmament instruments in this area.

We would like to draw your attention to the working paper which we have tabled with the ISU, titled "Building synergies and improving transparency reporting outcomes across conventional arms control instruments". This paper outlines some of our findings such as trends and challenges in reporting, as well as practical measures to improve transparency.

Australia was pleased to hold a side event with UNIDIR earlier this week to discuss how to strengthen reporting practices. We believe this work can help enhance compliance, foster cooperation and ensure States Parties, including those with limited resources, are better positioned to meet their obligations.

Thank you