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Statement on National Implementation Measures

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on behalf of the Inter-Agency Coordination Group for Mine Action (IACG-MA)**

Mister President,

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.

The United Nations expresses its appreciation to the Coordinator (New Zealand) for the presentation on the status and activities regarding this important obligation and to those States Parties that have reported on their progress in the implementation of Article 9, notably Guatemala and Lao PDR.

The United Nations also wishes to thank New Zealand for the preparation of a model legislation for small States Parties that do not possess cluster munitions and that have not been contaminated by them.

The United Nations acknowledges the relevance of the questions raised by the Oslo Progress Report regarding obstacles to the swift adoption of national legislation which would give effect to the Convention's provisions. In developing respective legislation, it is the view of the United Nations that States remain mindful that Article 19 of the Convention is unequivocal, stating that "the Articles of this Convention shall not be subject to reservations." As such, the United Nations would like to strongly urge all States Parties or aspiring States Parties to ensure that legislation they adopt fully reflects both the letter and the spirit of this important Convention. It is critical, in particular, that national legislation prohibit all actions that would, in any way, contribute to the continued use of cluster munitions.

The United Nations remains available to provide policy and legislative advice to states that may need assistance with regards to national legislation and/or other measures in the implementation of Article 9 of the CCM.

We acknowledge the important role that the ICRC plays in providing guidance for drafting and enactment of national legislation on matters related to international humanitarian law, as well as ICRC's experience in this domain.

Thank you.