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IACG-MA)**

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Statement on National Implementation Measures

**Delivered by
on behalf of the IACG-MA**

Mr.Coordinator (*New Zealand*),

I am delivering 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 wishes to thank you, Mr. Coordinator , as well as the Government of New Zealand, for the leadership provided in moving forward the important issue of National Implementation Measures and the effective implementation of Article 9 of the Convention on Cluster Munitions.

Besides being critical for the implementation of the Convention and for the strengthening of its provisions, the number of States Parties reporting on the adoption and implementation of respective national legislation remains low. Therefore, the United Nations encourages States Parties to use this week to provide information and to raise potential challenges they are facing so that there is an exchange of how to improve these processes. The United Nations remains available for the provision of policy and legislative advice to States Parties that may require assistance.

The United Nations welcomes the focused attention by all States promoting the implementation of strong National Implementation Measures, including Togo, Ghana and Zambia, who will contribute substantively to the forthcoming Regional Conference on the Universalization of the Convention to be held in Lome.

As mentioned in the Oslo Progress Report/ As noted previously, the United Nations shares the concern over possible inconsistencies contained in national legislation that has either been adopted or is under consideration that may be contrary to the letter and spirit of the Convention with respect to prohibiting the future use of cluster munitions. In this regard, the United Nations would

like to recall the provision of Article 19 of the Convention which states that “the Articles of this Convention shall not be subject to reservations”.

Thank you Mr.. Coordinator