Mr. President,

The following short statement is delivered on behalf of the Inter-Agency Coordination Group on Mine Action (IACG-MA)\(^1\), comprising 14 United Nations entities involved in mine action.

The United Nations appreciates your presentation on the activity report of the Committee on Cooperative Compliance, as well as its preliminary observations.

The United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to condemn the use of anti-personnel mines and urges States Parties to assist in the clarification of any allegation of use by a State Party.

As for the allegations of recent use of anti-personnel mines, the United Nations looks forward to further clarification from States Parties mentioned in the report.

Thank you.

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\(^1\) The Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO) / United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS) (Chair), Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), UN Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), UN Development Programme (UNDP), Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), UN Children’s Fund (UNICEF), UN Office for Project Services (UNOPS), UN Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), World Food Programme (WFP), World Health Organization (WHO), United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) (Observer), and the World Bank (Observer).