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Transparency in implementation (agenda item 7 e ii)

In order to meet our common objective of a mine-free world, relevant and precise information needs to be available regarding implementation, including the needs of States parties when addressing contamination or clearance. Reporting is not a stand-alone exercise, but one that can inspire action.

Unfortunately, the reporting rate for article 7 is still too low. Many States have missed more than one reporting deadline. We call on all State parties to report in a timely and detailed manner.

I would like to thank the efforts of the Norwegian Presidency and of the members of the committees aimed at fostering national ownership and accountability. We welcome the fact that each action item in the Oslo Action Plan has a corresponding indicator. This will allow a precise monitoring and evaluation of the implementation efforts by all States parties. The members of the committees will need to enter into a dialogue with States parties, when necessary, in order to gather additional information so as to correctly asses the implementation of the Action Plan.