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Iraqi delegation comment on Article 5

Thank you very much Mr. Precedent to give Iraq the opportunity to talk about last update for Iraqi Mine Action Program.

Mr. President

Since 2014 and till now all Iraqi governmental efforts are busy to fight the terrorist armed groups, the recent fighting has led to a dramatic increase the number of mines, UXOs and IEDs as well as increasing the number of displaced population.

In spite of this, Iraqi Government has made many actions as below:

1-Iraq established two mine action centers to cover mine action activities in north and central areas of Iraq.

2-Continue the NTS activities in safe areas where we finished six provinces and we will start with three other provinces this year.

3- Iraqi Government allocated 65 billion Iraqi Dinars (about 55million U\$) for surveying and clearance the liberated area from Dae'eSh to insure the safe return for displaced families to their areas.

We are still looking forward to increase the number of NGOs due to tremendous contamination areas due to the fighting with terrorist armed groups or discovered mine field areas through NTS activities.

Finally, I would like to thank all donors that they supported Iraq and we are asking the other donors for real support to my country.

Thank you