

## **THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES, COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE**

Mr. Chairman, on behalf of the Ugandan delegation, we would like to express our support and cooperation to the new standing committee on Resources, Cooperation and Assistance.

Uganda sees opportunities from this standing committee in enhancing cooperation and coordination of assistance for mine action. More importantly, this committee will serve as a platform for expression of views on how best we can build on past experiences regarding donor support for mine action and to seek ways of improving the cooperation and coordination through joint planning.

In order to enhance closer cooperation and coordination, it would be necessary that special workshops and meetings are organized where views are freely exchanged between the affected countries, mine action NGOs and the donor countries. We would appreciate for example discussions on explosive remnants of war which affect a number of communities in many affected countries including Uganda.

As I conclude, let me express our sincere appreciation for the support so far extended to Uganda by different partners for mine action over the years, in particular UNDP, the Governments of Australia through the AusAid, Norway and Denmark. In the same way, we appreciate the current cooperation with DDG and Handicap International on mine clearance and mine risk education and victim assistance respectively.

Thank you

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