



United Nations Inter-Agency Coordination Group on Mine Action

**Standing Committee on General Status and Operation of the Convention
(Co-Chairs: Bulgaria and New Zealand)
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**Intervention on Article 9 (National implementation measures)
Delivered by UNMAS
on behalf of the Inter-Agency Coordination Group for Mine Action (IACG-MA)**

Thank you Mister Co-Chair,

I deliver 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 encourages and supports the development of legislative, administrative and other measures that will reinforce national ownership and facilitate the enforcement of the Convention. The United Nations has been working closely with the National Authorities of several countries to help develop a legal; administrative frameworks and national strategies. It remains one of the main priorities of the United Nations as the third Strategic Objective of its new Mine Action Strategy focuses on the acceleration of the transfer of mine action functions to national actors. This transfer will only be possible with the existence of adequate legislative, administrative and other measures.

Thank you.