

INTERVENTION ON ARTICLE 7 REPORTING

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Excellences, distinguished colleagues, ladies and gentlemen,

I am pleased to provide you with a brief update regarding Article 7 reporting. *from the point of view of the accuracy of these reports*

As stated by the Coordinator of the Article 7 Contact Group, as of today UNODA Geneva Branch has received and posted on the website [81] reports presented under Article 7 of the Convention by ~~the following~~ States parties: [Afghanistan, Albania, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Canada, Chad, Chile, Colombia, Croatia, Cyprus, Check republic, DR Congo, Denmark, Dominica, Ecuador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia*, France, Germany, Greece, Guinea-Bissau, Holy See, Hungary, Indonesia*, Ireland, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait*, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, ^{from UNOD} FYR Macedonia, Madagascar, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro*, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe*, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Yemen, Zambia and Zimbabwe].

We have also received [two] reports presented on a voluntary basis by States not parties to the Mine Ban Convention – [Morocco and Poland]. All these reports are now available at the ODA Geneva Branch database on Article 7 reporting at: <http://www.unog.ch/disarmament>. I take this opportunity to invite *delegates* you to visit our website which covers much more than Art.7 reporting.

A still persisting shortcoming from the past is that some of the submissions cover a period starting from March/April 2007 to April/May 2008. Against this background I would like to remind you that in accordance with Article 7, paragraph 2 of APLC “*The information provided in accordance with this Article shall be updated by the States Parties annually, covering the last calendar year, and reported to the Secretary-General of the United Nations not later than 30 April of each year.*” Hence, Article 7 reports ~~shall~~ ^{should} cover the period from 1 January to 31 December of the previous calendar year.

As a problem we have been continuing to face
Another persisting shortcoming is that States parties’ reports are submitted through a variety of channels and often reach us weeks and even months after their actual submission. In this respect I would like to remind you that UNODA Geneva Branch is the United Nations structure to which the Secretary-General

* Initial submission

has delegated his authority under Article 7 of APLC. Hence, the most simple direct and appropriate way to submit Article 7 reports is either by sending them electronically to the e-mail address of the UN APLC Secretariat at: aplc.article7report@unog.ch, or by forwarding a hard copy to: APLC Article 7 Officer, Office for Disarmament Affairs Geneva Branch, Palais des Nations, 1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland, Fax: (+ 41) 22 917 0034.

Thank you for your attention.