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ON ARTICLE 8 (9) LIST OF EXPERTS

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*Dear Colleagues*

~~Excellencies, distinguished colleagues, ladies and gentlemen~~  
*Under his request on <sup>facilitating</sup> ~~practical~~ implementation of the Convention.*

I would like to refer to the status of the List of Qualified Experts established under Article 8 paragraph 9 of the Mine Ban Convention, *to carry out fact finding as an element of the compliance machinery of the Convention.* As you will recall, under paragraph 9 of Article 8 of the Convention, entitled "Facilitation and clarification of compliance", the Secretary-General of the United Nations "shall prepare and update a list of the names, nationalities and other relevant data of qualified experts provided by States Parties and communicate it to all States Parties. Any expert included on this list shall be regarded as designated for all fact-finding missions unless a State Party declares its non-acceptance in writing. In the event of non-acceptance, the expert shall not participate in fact-finding missions on the territory or any other place under the jurisdiction or control of the objecting State Party, if the non-acceptance was declared prior to the appointment of the expert to such missions."

Although fact-finding missions have not been organized under this Article and, I am ~~convinced~~, <sup>trust</sup> will never ~~take place~~, <sup>have to be called upon</sup>, it is the responsibility of the United Nations to keep up to date the List of Qualified Experts. Against this background, the Secretary-General of the United Nations has circulated a note verbale, dated 18 April 2008, inviting all States Parties to the Convention to communicate names of qualified experts. Copies of the UNSG note verbale in E, F and S, blank addressee, are available on the APLC website, as well as outside the Conference room.

<sup>current</sup> This List of Qualified Experts is <sup>also</sup> now available on the APLC website on a page with restricted access for the States parties only. <sup>To respect individual privacy</sup> Additional (personal) data not visible at the website is also available with the Secretariat. All States which have submitted names of qualified experts are invited to check the data contained on the website and to communicate to the Secretary of the Meeting any corrections thereto.

*With your blessing,*  
I ~~will now invite~~ my colleague P. Kolarov <sup>will</sup> to make a short presentation on the database.

Thank you for your attention.