

Notes for ICRC intervention on transparency and reporting (article 7)

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Thank you Mr. President. We would like to make a few comments on transparency and reporting.

The ICRC is concerned that almost half of the States Parties, including too many mine affected States Parties, did not provide updated information for the 2010 year and file their Article 7 transparency report. The reporting rate this year (58.9%) is the lowest level of reporting in the life of the Convention. We urge all States Parties that did not file their Article 7 report to do so at the earliest opportunity.

We welcome the proposal put forward by Belgium to identify measures to improve both the quality and the quantity of Article 7 reports. We stand ready to participate in the process of improvement of the Article 7 format as well as the update of the VERTIC 's guide to reporting under Article 7 of the Mine Ban Convention. The updating of this guide as well as its wide use by States is in our view a particular important tool for improving the quality of Article 7 reports.