

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.

As stated by the Coordinator of the Article 7 Contact Group, as of today UNODA Geneva Branch has received and posted on the website [72] reports presented by the States parties under Article 7 of the Convention. A Status Chart on Article 7 reporting was circulated earlier this morning in this room. Please note that Norway, which report was received over the weekend, should also be added to the Chart.

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 UNODA Geneva Branch database on Article 7 reporting at:
<http://www.unog.ch/aplc/Article7> database. I take this opportunity to invite you to visit our website which covers much more than Art.7 reporting.

Like in the past, some of the submissions cover a period different from that indicated in the Convention. 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 cover the period from 1 January to 31 December of the previous calendar year.

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 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.