Thank you Mr President,

My input is a comment rather than a question and it follows a comment made by our colleague at the ICRC. He referred to several instances in the implementation of Protocol V where information had been shared locally with clearance stakeholders, by advisors who have been empowered and authorised to do so.

Being an emergency response organisation is one of MAG’s primary identities, and we consider our mine action work and our organisation as being an integral part of the humanitarian community’s efforts. The organisation I represent here is one that has benefited from the timely sharing of information as close to the point and time of use as possible. This is when it can have an immediate humanitarian impact, when communities are most at risk.

As another panellist has also mentioned, the mine action community has clearance methods and approaches we need to address ERW in emergencies and beyond. But timely information on the type and location of explosive remnants of war can help us to deploy it as efficiently as possible, and to maximum humanitarian impact. It can also help us to ensure that our risk education activities can be tailored to the type of ERW used, again to have maximum humanitarian impact at the point where conflict affected communities are highly vulnerable.

Thank you Mr President.

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