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Excellencies,
Dear Colleagues and Partners,

On behalf of the United Nations Inter-Agency Coordination Group on Mine Action (IACG-MA), I have the pleasure of inviting you to the *23rd International Meeting of Mine Action National Directors and United Nations Advisers (NDM-UN)*, scheduled to take place from 11-14 February 2020 at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland.

The meeting will provide an opportunity for delegates to network and exchange best practices and lessons learnt in response to current trends in mine action, under the theme "*Mine Action for People and Planet: Solutions, Commitments and Action*". Participants may register online by 13 December 2019 through the Indico system. Recalling the powerful message delivered by last year's keynote speaker, participants are encouraged to include survivors in their delegations. Delegates are also advised to make visa arrangements and hotel reservations soon.

Limited sponsorships of one slot per country are available for National Directors or senior operational staff from National Mine Action Centres, nominated by National Directors. Applications may be sent to conferences@gichd.org; please note that women are especially encouraged to apply. We are grateful to the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining for their steady and gracious support to this meeting through the sponsorship programme.

For further information and to express interest in organizing a side event, please contact Ms. Lucia Galan by 15 December 2019 with a brief description highlighting the relevance to the theme of the meeting at maria.galan@un.org. I look forward to your active participation.

Please accept, Excellencies, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Agnès Marcaillou', with a horizontal line underneath.

Agnès Marcaillou
Director

United Nations Mine Action Service

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Representatives of National Mine Action Authorities
Representatives of United Nations Inter-Agency Coordination Group on Mine Action
Representatives of Civil Society, NGOs and Relevant Private Sector Entities