



Press Release

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Closer Cooperation between the GICHD and the United Nations

Today, the Director of the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD), Ambassador Martin Dahinden, and the Director of the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS), Mr. Martin Barber, have signed in Geneva a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The MOU is the framework for the future cooperation between GICHD and UNMAS

Over the last couple of years both institutions have increasingly worked together on all aspects of mine action. The GICHD has supported the UN with technical expertise and through research activities.

The now signed MoU puts particular emphasis on support to operations, rapid response, development of International Mine Action Standards (IMAS), and development of the Information Management System for Mine Action (IMSMA). Moreover, the GICHD has committed itself to continue in hosting the annual United Nations Mine Action National Directors and Technical Advisors meetings.

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