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Agnès Marcaillou Appointed UNMAS Director

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In March 2012, the United Nations Mine Action Service appointed Agnès Marcaillou as Director.¹ Marcaillou replaced Justin Brady, who served as Acting Director from 11 April 2011 to 19 March 2012. Brady became Head of Office for the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs for Somalia.

Previously Chief of the Regional Disarmament Branch in the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs, Marcaillou worked for Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations, as the U.N. Deputy Spokesperson. She also worked for the American Division of the Department of Political Affairs as a Special Representative of the Secretary-General Akashi and at the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research.² Notably, Marcaillou served as Chief of Staff for the first Executive Secretary of the Organization for Prohibition of Chemical Weapons in the Hague.²

A long-time women's-rights advocate, Marcaillou is a former President of the Group on Equal Rights for Women at the United Nations.² Similarly, she pioneered the first Gender Action Plan of the U.N. Secretariat.¹ Marcaillou is a laureate of the NATO and U.N. Programme of Fellowship on Disarmament and a Fellow of the *French Institut de Hautes Etudes de Défense Nationale* (Institute of Higher National Defense Studies).²

UNMAS is responsible for U.N. mine clearance around the world. As Director, Marcaillou will bring her extensive experience in political affairs, conflict prevention and post-conflict interventions, disarmament and non-proliferation.²



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