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Distinguished colleague

I write to you in my capacity as Friend to the President on matters pertaining to National Implementation Measures of the Convention on Cluster Munitions. You will recall that during the First Meeting of States Parties in Laos, the Vientiane Action Plan was adopted. It includes three action points on national implementation measures (action points 63, 64 and 65).

It is against this background that a draft of the Beirut Progress Report: *Monitoring progress in implementing the Vientiane Action Plan* is being prepared in advance of the Second Meeting of States Parties to be held in September 2011 in Beirut, Lebanon. This draft will be discussed at the 27-30 June intersessional meeting in Geneva in the lead up to its adoption in Lebanon.

In this regard I would like to underscore the importance of your contributions and updates for the progress report. I also hope that during the intersessional meeting in Geneva, your delegation will raise any matter on national implementation that could usefully be discussed, with particular reference to the action points on national implementation contained in the Vientiane Action Plan. It would be our hope that a number of States will use the opportunity of the intersessional meeting to report on how, nationally, they give effect to both the prohibitions and positive obligations of the Convention.

New Zealand has the honour of chairing a session on this matter, tentatively scheduled for Wednesday 29 June. Please do not hesitate to contact my colleague Raylene Liufalani at raylene.liufalani@mfat.govt.nz if you have anything you would like to discuss in this regard.

Yours sincerely

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