



**PERMANENT MISSION OF SOUTH AFRICA TO
THE UNITED NATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

The Permanent Representatives of the States Parties
and Signatories to the Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM)

Geneva, 6 May 2011

Excellency,

I'm writing to you in my capacity as the CCM Friend of the President on International Cooperation and Assistance (ICA).

You will recall that during the First Meeting of States Parties (1MSP) in Laos, the Vientiane Action Plan was adopted, which included among others 18 Actions on ICA. It is against this background that the Second Meeting of States Parties in Beirut, Lebanon will among others adopt a Progress Report to assess the implementation of these Actions. In this regard, I would like to underscore the importance of national reporting in ensuring that I have accurate information that I would utilise in my ICA input for the Beirut Progress Report. I therefore encourage your government to pay particular attention to Form I of Article 7 reporting format of the CCM, which relates to national resources and international cooperation and assistance. The reporting format has four sub-headings, namely; the national resources allocated; international cooperation and assistance provided; international cooperation and assistance needed; and assistance provided by States Parties to another State for cluster munitions used/abandoned prior to entry into force. In this context, I would like to remind you that the deadline for submission of annual reports was 31 April. If your country has not submitted its report I would encourage you to do so as soon as possible.

I also hope that during the Intersessional meeting on 27-30 June 2011 in Geneva, the States Parties and Signatories will provide information relating to the aforesaid sub-headings and any other information that is relevant to this issue.

Should you require any information on this issue, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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