



REPUBLICA DE ANGOLA

Intervention by Angola at the Second Meeting of States Parties on the Convention on Cluster Munitions at Beirut, September 12 – 16, 2011

Madame President
Distinguished Delegates
Members of the nongovernmental organizations,
Ladies and gentlemen

First of all I would like to join my voice to the others in congratulate the Government and People of Lebanon for the excellent welcome and hospitality provided to us, one word goes indeed to the sympathy of the volunteers of this event.

After our participation in all major preparatory events for the Convention of Cluster Munitions since Oslo February 2007 except Dublin, signature at the 3rd of December 2008 attendance at the standing committee and States Parts meetings we are now dealing with the process of ratification of the Convention.

Ratification of an International Convention in Angola has to fulfil very strict parameters, partly to guarantee compliance.

However we are making a steady progress toward ratification, the inclusion in our delegation for this 2MSP of two members of the Angolan Defence Ministry due to our past experience with Article 4 of Ottawa Convention is one clear indication of our willingness to a smoothly and timely compliance after ratification.

Mr. President

As far as Angolan procedure is concerned we are now finalising the preparation of all documents required such as the Full Text of the Convention, Explanatory Note, Technical Explanatory Report and Project of Resolution to be handed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the Council of Ministers.

Once it has been approved by Ministers it has to be passed at the Angolan National Assembly (Angolan Parliament) before being signed by the Head of State the Republic President.

Mr. President

We are very optimistic and we hope that all this process would be done by now to the 3rd States Parts Meeting one year by now.

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Thank you

