Speech III – Developing National Legislation

Excellencies,

Distinguished colleagues,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

According to Article 9 of the Convention on Cluster Munitions where each State Party shall take all appropriate legal, administrative and other measures to implement this Convention, including the imposition of penal sanctions to prevent and suppress any activity prohibited to a State Party under this Convention undertaken by persons or on territory under its jurisdiction or control.

In early 2012 Afghanistan established a committee comprising of Department of Mine Clearance (DMC) of the Afghanistan National Disaster Management Authority, as government entity, Mine Action Coordination Center of Afghanistan (MACCA) the coordination body for Mine Action, Mine Dog Center (MDC) an implementing partner on behalf of all major Demining implementers, Afghan Landmine Survivors’ Organization (ALSO) and ICRC on behalf of the MRE/VA actors is established to work on drafting a Law for both anti personnel mines and Cluster Munitions. The first draft is completed and soon it would be submitted to the Ministry of Justice of the Government of Afghanistan.

Thank you.

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