

**STATEMENT on
general points of the CCM
/Republic of Armenia/**

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Thanks You Mr President

I'd like to join previous speakers in congratulating and welcoming the organizers of this meeting on this very important subject of discussion.

I would like to present some details of Armenia's position in regard to the CCM.

Armenia has welcomed the signing of Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM) and has always been a part of international discussions related to these topics. Armenia doesn't produce, export, stockpile or use cluster munitions and doesn't intend to do so.

The Republic of Armenia considers the CCM as one of the principal instruments of the International Humanitarian Law to achieve the goal of elimination of an entire category of excessively injurious conventional weapons.

We highly value significance of the Convention as an important step to respond in a credible and efficient manner to the humanitarian challenges posed by certain advancements in military technology.

Armenia welcomes and fully supports active efforts of the States Parties to the Convention aimed at universalization of the Convention and efficient implementation of its provisions.

Dear **President**,

Due to current security environment in our region, Armenia is not yet in a position to become a member of the Convention. Armenia's accession to the CCM is contingent upon the readiness of other countries of our region to adhere to the Convention and comply with its regime. In this context we believe that simultaneous accession of the South Caucasus countries to the Convention will ensure its effectiveness and reciprocally reduce the security threat perception. Unfortunately, under current circumstances, individual membership is inherent with the danger of military disbalance, especially in the light of possession of cluster munitions by other countries in the region.

Therefore, Armenia will continue its active participation at the meetings and negotiations in the framework of the convention in its capacity as an observer country.

Thank you Mr President.