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TO THE CONVENTION ON CLUSTER MUNITIONS (CCM)
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Mr. President,
Excellencies,
Distinguished delegates,

Firstly, allow me on behalf of the Malaysian delegation to join others in congratulating you on your assumption as President of the Third Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions. The Malaysian delegation would also like to congratulate you and the Government of Norway on the convening of and the excellent arrangements made for this important meeting. We are also appreciative of the warm hospitality accorded to all delegations present here in Oslo.

Mr. President,

3. In 2008, Oslo witnessed the start of the CCM when the Convention was first opened for signature upon the conclusion of the Diplomatic Conference on Cluster Munitions that was held in Dublin, Ireland earlier that year. Four years on, we are all gathered here in the place where the process began, to continue the discussions which started back in 2007.

4. For decades, thousands of people around the world have been affected by the use of cluster munitions. Victims have ranged from the young and old, men

and women, military and civilians. The indiscriminate use of such weapons poses a major humanitarian issue that Malaysia takes note with serious concern.

5. For Malaysia, the CCM is an important international humanitarian instrument in addressing the devastating effects caused by cluster munitions. In principle, we support the noble humanitarian objectives of this Convention and share the international community's concern that unexploded ordnance and cluster munitions continue to kill and maim thousands of people particularly women and children around the world. Cluster munition remnants also severely impact communities and hamper development after the end of conflicts.

6. Malaysia remains firmly committed in achieving the goals of general and complete disarmament. Realising the adverse and catastrophic impacts from the indiscriminate use of weapons of mass destruction and conventional weapons, the Government of Malaysia has signed many international disarmament and humanitarian instruments, among them the Ottawa Convention, which bans the use, stockpiling, production and transfer of anti-personnel land mines.

7. The Government of Malaysia is currently in consultation with relevant stakeholders with the view to study the possibility of Malaysia acceding to the Convention. This is a continuous and on-going process, and we hope that Malaysia will be able to join the Convention in the near future. We take note with interest Item III on Universalization in the draft Oslo Report and look forward to the discussions on this matter under Agenda Item No. 10.

8. Let me conclude by once again thanking the Government of Norway for hosting the Third Meeting of States Parties to the CCM here in Oslo. Malaysia will continue to engage constructively with other States and our delegation's presence here in Oslo reflects our continued interest in the work of the Convention.

Thank you.