

**Third Meeting of States Parties  
To the  
Convention on Cluster Munitions  
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**Statement by Canada on Cooperation and Assistance**

Mr. President

In 1998 Canada established dedicated funding for mine action through the Canadian Landmine Fund, initially at \$100M for five years. The fund was renewed in 2003 with a further \$72M over five years. In 2008 the fund ended and both Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada and the Canadian International Development Agency incorporated mine action into their regular budgets.

In Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada mine action support is provided through the Global Peace and Security Fund. Within our development agency support is provided through their bi-lateral programs. Since 1998, including through the Canadian Landmine Fund, Canada has provided more than \$390M to support these activities.

Canada no longer has dedicated funding for assistance related to any specific Convention addressing the effects caused by munitions. Rather, Canadian funding is used to support activities related to the humanitarian impact of all of these explosive munitions be they mines, cluster munitions or other explosive remnants of war. In effect, this funding helps Canada to meet its obligations for the Ottawa Convention, the Oslo Convention and Protocol V of the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons. The ultimate goal of course, is to reach our common objective of no new victims while continuing to support survivors, be it from cluster munitions, mines or other explosive remnants of war.

As regards cluster munitions specifically, since before the Oslo process began Canada had a history of addressing this issue. As examples, from 1998 to 2011, Canada provided \$3.9 M to Lao PDR for risk education and cluster munition clearance activities and in Lebanon in 2006 and 2007, Canada provided some \$3.6 M to assist in risk education and the clearance of cluster munitions.

Mr. President, even though our Convention is still young, we are pleased to see that affected states continue to make progress. Formerly contaminated land can now be used and people in these areas can walk safely to their homes, to school and to work. Stockpiles are being destroyed and the needs of victims are starting to be addressed. Collectively we need to stay the course and maintain, if not increase, our efforts to prevent further casualties and encourage development and freedom of movement.

Thank you.