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Distinguished Coordinators,

First of all, I would like to express my appreciation to Mexico and Spain as the Coordinators of the Working Group on International Cooperation and Assistance and to thank both of you on the presentation on the status and progress with regards to cooperation and assistance.

States affected by cluster munitions and states with stockpiles should live up to their responsibilities based on the obligations of the Convention. Building efficient and sustainable local capacities is of utmost importance. In the long term, national ownership is the key to the success of the Convention. At the same time, all States Parties should accept their obligations to assist affected states in their efforts related to humanitarian demining.

Indonesia welcomes all efforts aiming at strengthening cooperation and coordination between affected states and donor states to ensure a balanced distribution of resources and to identify synergies in our cooperation and assistance.

During the Oslo Process, Indonesia was actively engaged in drafting Article 6 of the Convention on Cluster Munitions regarding international cooperation and assistance. It is our fervent hope that efforts to facilitate international cooperation and assistance could be sustainable, adequate, more effective and more efficient.

However, we have witnessed that the cluster munitions mostly affect civilians in the developing countries, which at the same time also face competing priorities on their development needs. Therefore, international cooperation is imperative in achieving the aim of the Convention. The benefit of partnership will also encourage countries to sign and ratify the Convention.

International cooperation and assistance will indeed play an important role in preventing future casualties on the use of such weapons as well as to provide better life and future to the victims. We can also take advantage of South-South cooperation in advancing the implementation of this Convention.

In ensuring the success of the international cooperation and assistance, we need to take into consideration the importance of national ownership, national leadership, capacity building and sustained and predictable funding.

We believe that the Third Meeting of States Parties on the Convention of Cluster Munitions should further promote the spirit of partnership which will lead to an enhanced set of concrete programs of cooperation. The benefit of such partnership will encourage other countries to join the cluster munitions ban family and in turn to contribute to the universalization of the convention.

Thank you.