GRENADA

STATEMENT

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CONVENTION ON CLUSTER MUNITIONS

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Madam Coordinator,

At the 3rd Meeting of States Parties in Oslo last year Grenada formally declared that it had fulfilled all of its obligations under Article 4 of the Convention on Cluster Munitions.

Madam Coordinator,

Grenada’s compliance with Article 4 was primarily due to financial support from the Government of Norway which made it possible for Norwegian People’s Aid (NPA) to conduct non-technical and technical surveys in Grenada last year.

NPA concluded that there was no evidence of cluster munitions remnants in the assessed area.

Additionally, there were no sightings of cluster munitions nor were there any incidents related to cluster munitions since the United States Invasion of Grenada in 1983.

Madam Coordinator,

Following Grenada’s declaration of being Article 4 compliant, NPA has further agreed to assist Grenada in the form of capacity building.

Later this year NPA will provide training to Grenadian personnel in Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) in accordance with International Mine Action Standards (IMAS).

This training would allow Grenadian personnel to effectively respond to the possibility of future cluster munitions and/or explosive remnants of war exposure.
In conclusion, Madam Coordinator, Grenada reiterates its sincere appreciation to the Government of Norway and Norwegian People’s Aid for their continued cooperation and assistance under this convention.

My delegation would also like to recognize UNDP for its continued assistance in ensuring that my delegation is well represented at these forums.

I thank you, Madam Coordinator.