

*CCM Intersessional Meeting 2013-04-16*

*Statement by SWEDEN on agenda item "Cooperation and assistance"*

Thank you Mr./Ms. Coordinator,

Since this is the first time I am taking the floor I would like to thank you, the other coordinators and the Presidency for all the work done in preparation for this meeting.

Since the last meeting of this Convention, and following our ratification in April 2012, the Convention on Cluster Munitions entered into force for Sweden on 1 October 2012. Consequently, we have provided our initial report per 30 March 2013 which is presently posted on the Convention's website.

In our report, we provide a detailed account of the assistance given in 2012 to mine action, which amounted to a total of 95 million Swedish kronor (which corresponds to approximately 11 million euro). The reporting includes all kinds of mine action, be it concerning landmines, other explosive remnants of war or cluster munitions. This means that it is not always possible to distinguish between action for these different types of explosive remnants, and our agencies responsible for the implementation of this support point out that, for example, the crews engaged in clearance often encounter all different types of munitions in their work.

However, for 2012, Sweden engaged in two projects which do include actions specifically targeted on cluster munitions. One of them is the global support to UNICEF for their "Programme against Armed Violence". The second is our support to projects in Iraq, through the Mines Advisory Group and the Danish Demining Group.

Thank you Mr./Ms. Coordinator.