

**STATEMENT BY DEUSDEDIT B. KAGANDA, A REPRESENTATIVE OF
TANZANIA DURING THE LOME REGIONAL SEMINAR ON THE
UNIVERSALIZATION OF THE CONVENTION ON CLUSTER MUNITIONS,
22 TO 23 MAY 2013**

Chairperson,

First and foremost, my delegation would like to express its gratitude to the government and peoples of Togo for hosting this meeting and for warm hospitality extended to my delegation since arrival in Lome.

We express our appreciation for the assistance provided by UNDP and government of the Kingdom of Norway to enable participation to this meeting. We commend Ghana, Togo and Zambia for their leadership role in organizing this meeting.

Chairperson,

As a signatory to the Convention on Cluster Munitions, Tanzania reaffirms its commitment not to produce, stockpile, and transfer of Cluster Munitions.

My country continues to effectively engage in the Convention's universalization activities including participation to meetings at the regional and international level and my delegation looks forward to a successful 4th Meeting of the State Parties in Lusaka, Zambia, September 2013.

Tanzania considers the Convention as a primary humanitarian instrument to put an end to the civilian suffering caused by cluster munitions and we continue calling upon the remaining states to immediately sign the

Convention. Tanzania welcomes the recent ratifications in our region since our last regional seminar in Accra 2012.

We are pleased to inform that Tanzania's efforts to the Convention's ratification are ongoing. We have successfully managed to organize and conduct several consultation meetings with some relevant actors in the country with a view to reaching consensus on all aspects of the Convention. Under the leadership of the Ministry of Defense and National Service, the government is committed to ensuring that the consultations are concluded, which is the necessary precondition for the effective ratification process.

It is in this regard that my delegation welcomes the decision of the 4MSP to include a High Level segment on 9 September 2013, as could facilitate significantly of the universalization of the Convention.

My delegation looks forward to a successful conclusion of the seminar and we would like to assure you of our fully continued support and active participation.

I thank you,