

**STATEMENT BY THE HON. MAHADHI JUMA MAALIM (MP), DEPUTY  
MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION  
OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA, DURING THE FOURTH  
MEETING OF STATE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON CLUSTER  
MUNITIONS IN LUSAKA, ZAMBIA 9-13 SEPTEMBER, 2013**

**Mr. President,**

My delegation wishes to express its gratitude to the Government and people of the Republic of Zambia for the warm welcome and hospitality accorded to me and my delegation. We thank you for the excellent organization and facilities put at our disposal.

On behalf of the Tanzanian delegation, I congratulate you, Hon. Wylbur Simuusa, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Zambia on your assumption of Chairmanship of the Fourth Meeting of State Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions. This responsibility is by no account an easy task. It is a huge trust placed on you on behalf of the Republic of Zambia. My delegation is confident that under your able stewardship, this session will produce a fruitful outcome. My delegation pledges its full and unwavering support and cooperation to you in discharging your mandate during your tenure. Let me also assure you that we stand ready to engage constructively with you and other State Parties in order to fulfil our common objective.

**Mr. President,**

Cluster Munitions do not enjoy support in the international community because of their unintended impact. In many occasions, their use has been questionable due to their lack of precision and inaccuracy of the intended target, thereby killing and maiming innocent people.

In this connection, the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania would like to restate the utmost importance it attaches to the principles and objectives of the Convention which prohibits all use, stockpiling, production and transfer of Cluster Munitions.

**Mr. President,**

We support objective of this conference under the theme “Universalization” which aim at deliberating on important matters of importance to the Convention. My delegation considers that the theme is very relevant in addressing the challenges facing the effective implementation of the Convention. It is in this account that my delegation welcomes the government of Zambia’s decision to include a high level session on the Agenda.

My delegation strongly believes that the high level session will create political momentum and catalyse decision making towards universalisation of the Convention. We are convinced that the outcomes of this high level session will further facilitate the much needed support and assistance to enable

Member States to fully implement the Convention nationally, regionally and internationally.

**Mr. President,**

We are pleased to learn that following concerted efforts 112 States have signed while 83 states have signed and ratified the convention. We welcome the latest ratifications that have occurred since the third meeting of state parties in Oslo. My delegation encourages states which have not yet signed the Convention to do so with the ultimate goal of saving innocent lives.

We greatly appreciate the UN Secretary General's efforts to facilitate and mobilize international support for the strengthening of the Convention. Indeed, meaningful and continued support to Member States in terms of building capacities to implement the Convention is of high importance. We therefore, urge the International Community to continue providing necessary assistance particularly to need countries.

**Mr. President,**

Finally, we wish to reaffirm our commitment to fulfil the obligations under the Convention. It is our firm belief that we can achieve the goals we set ourselves through a unity of purpose, concerted efforts and deepened cooperation.

Tanzania anticipates that the outcome of this meeting will contribute effectively to the realization of the objectives of the Convention and we look forward to a successful adoption of the Lusaka Progress report.

**I thank you, Mr. President**