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Mr. Chairman,
Excellencies,
Distinguished delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

At the outset, allow me to join other delegations in congratulating you on your assumption as the Chairman of the Second Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions. Malaysia wishes to commend the Government of Lebanon, one of the nations severely affected by cluster bombs and other explosive remnants of war for hosting this meeting. Malaysia appreciates the warm hospitality accorded by the Government of Lebanon to all the delegations present here in Beirut.

Mr. Chairman,

2. Malaysia has been actively involved in global efforts to promote disarmament and non-proliferation and remains firmly committed to achieving the goals of general and complete disarmament. Realising the adverse and catastrophic impacts from the indiscriminate use of weapons of mass destruction and conventional weapons, the

Government of Malaysia has signed many international disarmament and humanitarian instruments, among them the Ottawa Convention, which bans the use, stockpiling, production and transfer of anti-personnel landmines.

3. Malaysia considers the Convention on Cluster Munitions as an important international humanitarian instrument in addressing the devastating effects caused by this deadly weapon. Malaysia, in principle, fully supports the noble humanitarian objectives of this Convention. Malaysia shares the international community's concern that unexploded ordnance and cluster munitions continue to kill and maim thousands of civilians particularly children and women. Cluster munition remnants have caused severe impacts on communities and hampered development after the end of conflicts.

4. The Government of Malaysia is currently in consultation with relevant stakeholders with the view to studying the possibility of Malaysia acceding to the Convention. It is a continuous and on-going process and with this positive move, we hope Malaysia will be able to join the Convention in the near future.

Mr. Chairman,

5. In closing, Malaysia wishes to once again applaud the Government of Lebanon for hosting the Second Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions and the Malaysian delegation's presence at this meeting reflects its growing support to the Convention.

Thank you.