Statement by the representative of the Kingdom of Swaziland

During the 2MSP on Cluster munitions

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Madam President:

Representative of State Parties in the Convention on Cluster Munitions

Protocol observed.

Madam Chair, as it is for the first time for the Kingdom of Swaziland to take the floor, may I join the other Member states to express my gratitude to the government of Lebanon for hosting these important meeting of the 2MSP. May I also congratulate the excellent hospitality of the Lebanese people in this country which have a beautiful historic land scape.

Madam Chair,

Those who were present in New York on the 19th October 2010 in a special event hosted by the Lao People's Democratic Republic and Japan, during the UN General Assembly's First Committee on Disarmament and international Security where the meeting was chaired by Mr. Jarmo Sareva from UNODA will recall that Swaziland did declare that she does not have and will never acquire these weapons of mass destruction (cluster munitions) or use it, Swaziland further promised to accede the convention during the 1MSP which was in Laos PDR, however she could not, as it is a process.

Madam Chair, today I have brought with me from the Kingdom of Swaziland the instrument of accession to the convention, thus to join other Member States who has done so, for a safer and peaceful life.

Madam Chair, may I humbly be allowed on behalf of the Government of the Kingdom of Swaziland to deposit the instrument of accession.

Thank you Madam Chair,

God Bless.