

**8th Meeting of the States Parties of the Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM)  
September 3-5, 2018**

**Topic: *Implementation Support***

**When: *Wednesday, September 5, 10:00 to 13:00***

**Where: *Palais des Nations, Room XVIII***

***Statement on Implementation Support by Canada***

Mr. President,

Canada is firmly committed to the Convention on Cluster Munitions' goal of putting an end for all time to the human suffering and casualties caused by cluster munitions.

We are grateful for the dedicated and important work of the Convention's Committees that has been presented this week. These presentations have highlighted the importance of maintaining engagement in all facets of the Convention, including the development of new frameworks, such as the Country Coalition model.

Mr. President,

This year, Canada renewed and expanded its Weapons Threat Reduction Program to also provide support towards the universalization of treaties and conventions related to conventional weapons.

Today we are proud to announce a commitment of \$3 million through the Program to the institutions that support the implementation and the universalization of the Convention on Cluster Munitions, as well as the Ottawa Convention.

Over the next three years, Canada will be contributing:

- \$170,000 to the Implementation Support Unit of the Convention on Cluster Munitions;
- \$600,000 to the Implementation Support Unit of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention;
- \$1.4 million to the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining to support the ongoing development of the International Mine Action Standards, National Mine Action Strategies and the Information Management System for Mine Action.
- And, \$880,000 to the Gender and Mine Action Program for research and capacity development on gender and diversity across a broad range of mine action stakeholders.

Mr. President,

The expansion of the Weapons Threat Reduction Program reflects the priority Canada attaches to strengthening a rules-based international order.

Now approaching its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, this Convention stands as a pillar of International Humanitarian Law and provides vital reinforcement to the strong international norm protecting civilians from the debilitating humanitarian impacts of the use of mines and explosive weapons – notably, the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention as well as Protocol V and Amended Protocol II to the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons.

We look forward to sharing the results of these implementation projects, and the new partnerships they will hopefully foster, in future meetings and gatherings of States Parties. Thank you.