



Foreign & Commonwealth Office

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

STATEMENT: FINANCE

CONVENTION ON CLUSTER MUNITIONS: EIGHTH MEETING OF STATES PARTIES

Delivered under Agenda Item 54 'Financial Status of the Convention'.

Wednesday 5 September 2018

Mr President,

1. The United Kingdom is extremely grateful for the report on the Financial Status of the Convention. However, the UK is disappointed to learn that not all States Parties are contributing. The UK stresses that States should demonstrate their commitment to the disarmament conventions by paying their respective financial contributions. We therefore call upon all States who have not yet made their contributions, to do so as swiftly as possible. A lack of contributions reduces the resources available to the Implementation Support Unit (ISU) to implement the five-year work plan priorities set at the First Review Conference, and risks decreasing the ISU's support available to States Parties in applying the Convention at a time when many States Parties face their legally stipulated deadlines on stockpile destruction and clearance of cluster munition remnants.
2. The UK continues to support a combined approach where all States taking part in the Meetings of States Parties, the Review Conferences or Amendment Conferences contribute, and can make additional voluntary donations. Recalling the UK's statement from the Review Conference, we do not consider that the Convention allows the imposition of mandatory contributions other than those expressly provided for in Article 14. We therefore interpret points 7b and 7c of the finance decision to both relate to voluntary contributions. The UK is pleased to announce that we are making a donation of £20,000 to assist the ISU in reaching its required budget for 2018. This contribution is voluntary and relates to 7b and 7c. This voluntary contribution is of course in addition to the UK's commitments under 7a of the finance decision.
3. In closing, the UK reiterates its support. Thank you.