

**Statement from the Republic of Suriname on the Meeting of States Parties to  
the Convention on Cluster Munitions In Genève-Switzerland**

Mr. President,

I would like to take the opportunity to compliment Switzerland for hosting this well organized conference, and as a representative of the Republic of Suriname it is a great honour to be part of this memorable event.

The past few days have been very fruitful and highlighted some very critical issues with regards to the importance of banning and destructing cluster munitions through the practical implementation of the convention and its strict enforcement as a key to the achievement of international peace, security and safeguarding human rights.

Suriname highly recognizes the importance of becoming a state party to this convention as it shares the common concerns on the dangers these munitions pose for civilians. Suriname neither produces nor uses nor stockpiles these kinds of weapons. We collaborate with the international community on this endeavour and therefore move forward with diligence and consistency to ensure the protection of our peoples.

Although Suriname has not signed the CCM yet, we are highly concerned with the course of these weapons, which are a danger to humanity since they have a discriminative effect on human lives.

In this regard the Republic of Suriname supports universalization of the convention on cluster munitions and highly recommends all states to accept this convention to work towards the total elimination of these weapons and the dangers they pose on human rights.

Mister President,

At the 3rd Meeting of State Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions in September 2012, in Oslo-Norway, Suriname ensured the organization that it has made progress towards ratification of the CCM. In this regard I may inform you that Suriname has started with the process towards accession. However, just like every other country, Suriname has a certain ratification process towards accession to every convention.

In that respect the Convention on Cluster Munitions, the National Legislation, and Explanatory Memorandum were presented to the Board of Ministers. Hereafter the convention will be sent to other relevant actors within the ratification process for approval.

Mr. President,

In this regard it is clear that Suriname highly recognizes the importance of becoming a state party to this convention as it shares the common concerns on the dangers these munitions pose to munitions civilians.

Thank you for this opportunity to share our commitment with you.