Cluster munitions are one of the major security issues of our era. Indeed the threats arisen from such weapons affect particularly the civilian population. Madagascar is not less sensitive to the dignity of these innocent civilians victims of the devastating effects of these types of weapons.

For instance we reiterate our commitment not to acquire or use any cluster munitions therefore Madagascar strongly condemns with all its might their use by anyone in any circumstances.

We reiterate our grateful support to the entire international community for its efforts to protect the humanity. Indeed through its mediation the Convention on Cluster Munitions adopted in Dublin on May the thirtieth 2008 is now one of the major international instruments (binding or non-binding) on disarmament.

Finally aware of the scope at both national and international level of the ratification of the Convention on Cluster Munitions we express our deep concern about the commitment to the implementation of this Convention. For instance Madagascar has signed the Convention on Cluster Munitions on the 3rd of December 2008,

In the year 2016 Madagascar has undertaken the ratification process of the Convention on Cluster Munitions And In the course of this year the President of the Republic of Madagascar has promulgated the ratification of the Convention after the High Court of the Constitution has made the review of constitutionality also having both the upper and lower chambers respectively the Senate and the National Assembly their approval

Then Madagascar has deposited the instruments of ratification of the Convention to the United Nations General Secretariat on May twentieth two thousand seventeen this will be put into effect on November the first 2017 making our country the 101st State Party of The Convention on Cluster Munitions!! Those steps represent difficulties on achieving the ratification and becoming state member;
Ladies and gentlemen,

Before ending our remarks, we express our congratulation for the new president and also for the new staff working for the Convention on Cluster Munitions on the objective to getting though the universalization.

Also, I would like to express our special congratulations to Benin which have recently ratified this Convention on cluster munitions and therefore urge particularly States which are not members or signatory yet to gather efforts to join the Treaty or Convention in order to reduce the use of such weapons together or to eradicate all forms of illicit proliferation and use of weapon of all kinds and categories.

Thank Indeed for your attention.