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Written Statement by Sweden

Agenda item 8 (a) Universalization

Mr President,

Sweden continues to take an active part in the work of the Convention as one of the States signing the Convention on Cluster Munitions when it was first opened. We fully share the goals of the Convention banning this inhumane weapon, including the complete ban on its use. For the ban to become effective, it is important that also the world's largest manufacturers and users of cluster munitions join the Convention. This remains the biggest challenge for this Convention and we all need to contribute to its further universalization.

Like others, we are deeply concerned about reports on the use of cluster munitions in different parts of the world. Sweden joins those expressing deep concern about reports of the use of cluster munitions affecting civilian populations. Our Foreign Minister has stated that such use of cluster munitions is unacceptable, and called on all actors to strictly observe International Humanitarian Law.

Thankyou Mr President.

