



Republic of Zambia

STATEMENT ON THE REPORT ON ELEMENTS OF THE REVIEW OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATES PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON CLUSTER MUNITIONS AND THE GENEVA CENTRE FOR HUMANITARIAN DEMINING ON THE HOSTING OF THE IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT UNIT SUBMITTED BY BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA AND SWITZERLAND

Thank you, Mr. President for giving me an opportunity to comment on the report on elements of the Review of the Agreement between the States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions and the Geneva Centre for Humanitarian Demining on the hosting of the implementation support unit.

I wish to take this opportunity to commend the Coordinators once again for a job well done.

You may wish to recall that this agreement was concluded and signed by Zambia as President of the Fourth Meeting of States Parties and the Geneva Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD) on 2nd August, 2014 and endorsed by all States Parties in September, 2014. The agreement was in fulfilment of the mandate that was given to us by the Meeting of States Parties in Lusaka.

Zambia is happy to note the smooth implementation of the Agreement and in this regard, we wish to recommend that the agreement continues to be implemented in its current form. The agreement could, however, be reviewed

together with other important matters in the near future probably at the Next Review Conference.

Mr. President,

I will be remiss if I end my statement before expressing my country's sincere and heartfelt gratitude to the Geneva Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD) for its extensive support rendered to the Implementation Support Unit (ISU) in its endeavour to serve the various Presidencies and States Parties. Having been part of the Coordination Committee, Zambia has witnessed the unwavering support of the Centre and wish to encourage them to continue rendering this support. Similarly, we wish to commend the ISU for its untiring support to the Coordination Committee and the general membership at large.

I Thank you, Mr. President