



STATEMENT DELIVERED BY H.E. SABINE BÖHLKE-MÖLLER,
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF NAMIBIA
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CLUSTER MUNITIONS
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Mr. President,

at the outset I wish to congratulate you, Mr. Carlos Morales Dávila, for the commitment which you and Nicaragua have shown in your leadership of the Convention on Cluster Munition over the last year.

As a signatory to the convention, Namibia welcomes once again the opportunity to participate at this important Conference.

Mr President;

Namibia is not directly affected by the threat of cluster munitions. We never produced, never used, never stockpiled, never transferred these precarious weapons.

However, Namibia is proud to have been part of the Oslo Process, which we had joined to address the carnage caused by cluster-munitions. We would like to see an end put to the suffering and casualties caused by cluster munitions and we will continue to advocate for the universality of the convention.

Mr President,

With this background, I am pleased to report, that the Government of the Republic of Namibia has approved the ratification of the Convention on Cluster Munitions on 3rd of July 2018 in terms of Article 63 (2)(e) of the Namibian Constitution.

Subsequently, the instrument of ratification of the Convention on the Cluster Munitions was deposited last Friday, 31 August 2018 with the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat in New York.

Mr. President;

Namibia would like to commend you, your team, donors and the Implementation Support Unit for all the work done this year to help universalize the Convention. Namibia will continue to promote the Convention, in order to prevent Cluster Munitions from being used in the future.

I thank you.