



Kingdom of the Netherlands

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Mr President,

We thank the coordinator for all the work that has been done.

The Netherlands urges states to continue and, where possible, strengthen their national implementation measures regarding the provisions of the Convention.

In order to ensure full and effective compliance with the Convention, the Netherlands has adopted legislation that prohibits direct investments by Dutch financial entities in companies that are involved in the production, sale or distribution of cluster munitions and its crucial components.

This prohibition entered into force in 2013 and is in line with Article 1.1.(c) of the Convention, which prohibits States Parties from assisting, encouraging or inducing any activity as prohibited under the Convention.

Indeed, investing in cluster munitions contributes to the continued production and use of these indiscriminate weapons.

We are therefore pleased to see that currently a total number of 11 States Parties have adopted legislation to ban investments in the production, sale or distribution of cluster munitions and we welcome the statements made by other States Parties having expressed the intention to adopt similar legislation in the near future.

Thank you, Mr President