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Mr President, Distinguished Delegates

Thank you for giving me the floor,

First and foremost, I would like to express my utmost gratitude and feeling to the Costa Rican Government for hosting this milestone meeting and generous hospitality extended to us.

I would also like to thank to UNDP for their generous sponsoring to Somali delegate at this important meeting here in beautiful city San Jose, Costa Rica.

Mr President, Distinguished Delegates

Somalia signed the Convention on Cluster Munitions on 3 December 2008 .Since that time Somalia has participated and engaged in several annual meetings of the Convention on Cluster Munitions notably Second Meeting of States Parties in Beirut in September 2011 and the two annual intersessions in Geneva 2013 and 2014

This shows Somalia's devotion for the universalisation of the convention on cluster munitions. Adoption for the results of previous meetings was our priority agenda.

The federal Government of Somalia successfully established Somali Explosive Management Authority "SEMA" in 2013, with the mandate of leading how to find suitable environment and to militate a wide range of explosive threat, which poses significant challenge to the security, stabilisation, and development of the country.

Mr President, Distinguished Delegates

As you know Somalia was in bloody civil war for over two decades but with the help of UN and International community A new federal government has been established.

Somalia is not user, producer or stockpiling state but in 2013 international mine action operators in the country discovered a good number of Cluster bombs on the border between Somalia and Ethiopia,

As you know the border wars of (1978-1984) left unknown abandoned cluster munitions through out the long border between the two countries their level of contamination still is unknown and poses daily thread to the nomadic people's life and their animal.

Cluster Munitions Victims are really in sever condition and get no emergency care or healthcare at all, their over all needs like jobs education and disability centres have not been addressed yet.

Our mainly concerns is lack of fund for the humanitarian Mine action across Somalia due to long civil war above 20% of the total Somali population are disable caused by some form of explosives, those Victims are in need of all kinds of Assistances, let it be, financial, technical or any other capacity building, and though the international community provides a generous support to UNMAS and AMISON, the reality on the ground remains we are entirely with out funding,

and we are far from being able to respond the pressing needs of our Cluster munitions Victims across the country.

As a signatory state of this convention, we are in the progress for ratifying it (with in 90 days Starting from month, September 2014) regardless of continuing political crises and instabilities in Somalia, We are also encouraging other signatory states to ratify to the CCM soon and without further delay as this will pave the way that many civilians will have access to live without the hazards of these deadly weapons.

We call upon to the states that still using these deadly weapons in the field of war and in the civilian populated areas to stop as this are violations of the convention on cluster munitions and its norms.

Specifically we denounce ongoing use of cluster munitions by government of Syria, Government of South Sudan, and reported cluster bomb use in Ukraine.

Mr .president as i said before we are willing to ratify the CCM without further delay right after this important conference and i hope Somalia will be a full state party to this convention for the next meetings.

In closing Somali government believes that the collective works between all parties are important fundamental and the base of achieving a world free of cluster munitions, and suffering of the people through cluster munitions and explosive hazards.

I wish this conference success.

Thank you Mr President.