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TO THE CONVENTION ON CLUSTER MUNITIONS  
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**Mr. President,**

**Excellencies,**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

At the outset, I would like to express the deep appreciation of the Algerian delegation for the kind invitation conveyed to us on the occasion of the first Review Conference of State Parties to the Convention on Cluster munitions hosted by the Government of Croatia in the historic City of Dubrovnik.

For the first time, Algeria is participating as Observer to the High Level Segment of the Convention; an instrument that provides a useful international norm to the Global regime on Disarmament and Non-proliferation which is rooted in our national institutional framework. In this regard, I wish to mention the Algerian Chairmanship of the 9th Review Conference of State Parties to the NPT that took place in New York, in May 2015.

In ~~the~~ our region, the ongoing efforts for the stabilisation of our neighbouring countries, namely: Mali, Tunisia and Libya testifies of <sup>Algeria's</sup> our unwavering commitment to international peace and undiminished security for all.

**Mrs. President,**

The Dubrovnik Review Conference highlighted progress achieved as well as challenges ahead for the effective implementation of the Convention. We heard strong messages compelling for concrete measures aimed at accelerating the realisation among other objectives of the universalisation of the Convention, banning the use of cluster munitions under any circumstances, the promotion of an increased cooperation for clearing affected zones, last but not least, providing urgent assistance to victims.

In this context, I wish to congratulate H.E.M. Zoran Milanović, Prime Minister of Croatia, upon his election as President of the Review Conference of State Parties to the CCM. I seize this opportunity to pay tribute to previous Presidents of Meetings of State Parties for the excellent work done. I would like to value the nomination of Mrs. Sheila Mwemba as the Head of the Implementation Support Unit.

I am convinced that under the leadership of the newly elected President the Convention will gain more strength and credibility in the path towards achieving the common goal that Algeria fully shares, to free the World from arms that inflict undue suffering on human beings and hampers socio economic development of people worldwide.

I thank you.