



# **STATEMENT**

by

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**Mr. President,**  
**Excellencies,**  
**Distinguished delegates**

Firstly, **Mr. President**, the delegation of the Kingdom of Lesotho congratulates you on your election to the presidency of this important Conference. Lesotho is deeply honoured and privileged to join the international community in the long-awaited First Review Conference of the Convention on Cluster Munitions in this beautiful city of Dubrovnik. The Lesotho delegation would also like to convey our appreciation to the government of Croatia for its efforts and excellent organization in hosting this important Conference and its generous and warm hospitality. We further congratulate Ms. Sheela Mweemba for her well-deserved appointment to the directorship of the Implementation Support Unit.

**Mr. President**

Lesotho fully supports and subscribes to the tenets of the Convention and its full implementation alongside all other efforts and initiatives that are being taken to eliminate the harmful effects of cluster munitions on humanity.

Although Lesotho has not directly been affected by the odious effects of the cluster munitions, she strongly believes that horrendous harm on humanity elsewhere, effects humanity everywhere. Lesotho neither produces nor stockpiles cluster munitions. However, the ratification of this Convention

on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2010 demonstrates the country's continued commitment to the universal principles of international peace and security.

Furthermore, Lesotho is fully cognisant that the universalization of the Convention is necessary for the total elimination of cluster munitions. In this regard, the Government of the Kingdom of Lesotho is in the process of enacting applicable domestic legislation with a view to fully implementing the Convention.

Lesotho would like to congratulate states that have recently acceded to the Convention and calls upon those that have not yet done so to heed the global humanitarian call and plea, not only to ratify the Convention, but also implement the tenets and dictates of the Convention.

In conclusion, **Mr. President**, I wish to reaffirm Lesotho's commitment to ensuring a cluster munition free world. Lesotho further wishes to assure you of her cooperation and support in the deliberations of the Conference. We are confident that the Conference will chart a course of action that will build on the gains that have been achieved.

**I thank you**