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**DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON CLUSTER MUNITIONS
STATEMENT
of Mr. Dusko Uzunovski MSc
Head of the Delegation
Closing of the Conference**

Dublin, May 30, 2008

Mr. President,
Distinguished colleagues,

After two weeks of extensive work, we have succeeded to adopt one new instrument that serves for the better of all people. Additional Legally Binding document that serves in protecting the life and security of civilians.

Some may say that the text of the drafted document is not perfect, but as it was stated by other delegations this is the best possible compromise. In our view, the crucial success is that almost all of today known cluster munition will be banned. All of the 109 countries present in Dublin have accepted the text of the new Convention, which strengthens the Human Security Policy. *The International Community and the multilateral diplomacy have really achieved an extremely important result in the fore of the International Humanitarian Law.* We hope that the number of countries that will sign the Convention in December will be even larger.

Mr. President,

We do believe that we have directly contributed to provide civilians with another document that will give them the central role foreseen by the UN Charter.

I am confident that we have responded to our obligation to protect our citizens from the impact of the cluster munition that makes unacceptable harm, and first and foremost to assist the victims of the cluster munitions worldwide.

Mr. President,
Dear Colleagues,

Perhaps there is no need to repeat, but I believe that many of the participants on the Conference share the opinion that this is just beginning of the process. The final goal of this process must be the total ban of the cluster munition at later stages. We should remain focused on this goal in order to really reach the fundamental principles of the Oslo Declaration.

For my delegation it was great privilege to be part of this historic event. **I would like to underline that the Republic of Macedonia will sign the new Convention on cluster munition in Oslo.**

Mr. President,

In concluding, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Macedonia, I would like again to extend our gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Ireland for the warm hospitality and for all their efforts made in the preparation and in conducting of this Conference.

Mr. President,

Finally, Mr. President we commend you excellent guidance during these two weeks and the extremely good work of your team

Thank you.