

Statement by Ghana, delivered by H.E. Mr. K. Baah-Duodu, at the Closing Ceremony of the Conference on Cluster Munitions, Dublin 30 May 2008.

Mr. President,

I wish to join preceding speakers to reiterate my congratulations to you and your beautiful country for being instrumental in the adoption of this historic treaty banning cluster munitions. The hospitality and helpfulness of your people are legendary. These, together with your astute and visionary leadership contributed in no small way to our success.

Mr. President,

I also wish to recall and recognise the contributions of Sweden, Peru, Austria, New Zealand, the Vatican, the United Nations and its various agencies, the ICRC, the CMC and other humanitarian organisations for their enormous contributions. We are also indebted to the countries which organised the various regional fora, Cambodia, Costa Rica, Serbia, Belgium, Zambia and Mexico for their contributions.

Cluster bombs have killed and maimed civilians since World War II. We hope this convention has for ever put an end to this. It is now left to member states to sign and ratify it and we hope we shall all do so timefully,

Thank you Mr. President.