

Kenya

Madam President,

Excellencies and distinguished delegates,

Since it is the first time Kenya is taking the floor, I wish to congratulate Lebanon for being elected for the Presidency of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of State Parties on Cluster Munitions. I also take the opportunity to express my gratitude to Lebanon for the warm reception and hospitality accorded to my delegation.

Kenya as a signatory to the CCM is committed to the provisions of the Convention. I however note that pursuant to the new Constitutional dispensation in my country adopted in August 2010, we are in consultations with the relevant government departments on the process of ratification to this Convention.

Madam President,

As you are aware, the Horn of Africa region has been mired by the effects of Cluster Munitions as well as suffered from uncontrolled proliferation of Conventional Weapons and in specific SALW. In this regard, Kenya hosts the International Mine Training Centre in Nairobi which trains peace keepers and other members of defence forces from the region in demining. Similarly, Kenya has in the recent past participated in various peace keeping operations especially in conflict prone countries and such training from the demining centre has largely assisted in the clearance of contaminated areas.

Kenya is therefore committed in working with all stakeholders for the success of the implementation of all provisions entailed in the Convention.

I thank you.