

**INTERVENTION OF THE DELEGATION
OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA
AT THE SECOND MEETING OF STATE PARTIES TO
THE CONVENTION ON CLUSTER MUNITIONS**

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Mr. Vice President,

Allow me to express appreciation to Japan as the Friends of the President in coordinating the work of the Universalization of this Convention.

A year has passed since the Convention on Cluster Munitions entered into force. This is a milestone in our endeavors to end the human suffering caused by the cluster munitions. The partnership of Governments, United Nations, international organizations and civil society has successfully brought the world's attention to the need of prohibiting the use of cluster munitions as well as clearing contaminated area and assisting the victims of cluster munitions.

The Convention sets a new standard as a disarmament measures as well as contributes to the strengthening of International Humanitarian Law. It has stigmatized the weapons as well as comprehensively addressed the problem of cluster munitions. The Convention prohibits the use, transfer, and production of the weapons and while at the same time address the destruction of stockpiles, clearance and victim assistance.

Indonesia believes that full implementation of the Convention requires member countries to engage all stakeholders and to provide a thorough understanding of the rights and obligations of state parties as contained in the Convention.

In our part, we continue to promote the Convention and to enhance more awareness among our relevant national stakeholders. Indonesia is committed to the universalization of the Convention and to take necessary measures for ratification process of the Convention, in line with the required constitutional process.

Indonesia views that the successful implementation of the Convention requires concerted efforts among countries, international organizations and civil society. We would like to underscore that most of the cluster munitions affected

countries are the developing countries with limited resources and competing priorities within the national development plans and programmes.

Therefore, international cooperation will play an important role in preventing future casualties on the use of such weapons as well as to provide better life and future to the victims. We can also take advantage of South-South cooperation in advancing the implementation of this Convention.

In ensuring the success of the international cooperation, we also support to take into consideration the importance of national ownership, national leadership, capacity building and sustained and predictable funding.

We believe that the meeting should further promote the spirit of partnership which will lead to an enhanced concrete programs of cooperation. The benefit of such partnership will encourage other countries to join the cluster munitions ban family and contribute to the universalization of the convention.

Indonesia is of the view that the Convention will bring a stronger impact if producing countries and states with significant number of stockpiles are committed to the spirit of the convention. Therefore the international community should continue to act together to prevent countries of using cluster munitions.

Thank you