

Convention on Cluster Munitions

Third Meeting of States Parties

IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT UNIT

Australia Statement

Australia appreciates the work of the outgoing President in developing a proposed structure for an implementation support unit (ISU) for the Convention for our consideration. We understand that more time is needed, but it is important that this progress is not lost.

Australia reaffirms its support for an ISU being created as soon as possible. We support comments made by other delegations already that this should be finalised by 4MSP.

An ISU created within the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining would create savings and synergies with the ISU for the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention. Australia strongly supports broad ownership of the ISU. As we have said in our general statement, whichever funding mechanism is chosen, it is important to ensure the predictability and sustainability of finances.

Thank you.