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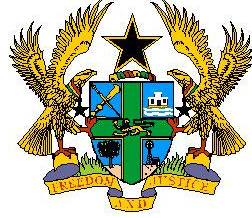
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AT THE

**THE THIRD MEETING OF STATES PARTIES TO THE
CONVENTION ON CLUSTER MUNITIONS (CCM)**

OSLO, NORWAY

11th SEPTEMBER, 2012



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Mr. President,

Excellencies,

Ladies and gentlemen,

My delegation, wishes to join other speakers in congratulating you on your election as President of the Third Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions. We are convinced that, with your outstanding diplomatic skills and experience, you will steer this meeting to a successful end. My delegation further pledges our utmost support to you, and would cooperate fully with you.

I would also like to express our thanks and appreciation to the Government and people of Norway for excellent organization of this meeting and the warm hospitality extended to us since our first arrival in this beautiful city of Oslo. We also laud the United Nations for their continued effort to bring together States Parties, signatories, States not Party, international organizations and civil society organizations.

Mr. President,

Ghana has always been at the fore front of the commitment to the spirit and the humanitarian and disarmament goals of the Cluster Munitions Convention. This we have demonstrated by drafting a legislation to prohibit the use, manufacturing,

stockpiling, and transfer of cluster munitions including penal sanctions. What we have done in these few months has been to engage all stakeholders especially Civil Society Organizations and International Organizations to deliberate on Ghana's legislation in order for us to review and harmonize our municipal laws to conform to the Convention and other best practices. In this regard we would like to express our profound gratitude to the ICRC for their immense support and contributions toward this process.

Mr. President,

It was truly an honor and privilege for the Republic of Ghana to host the Africa Regional Conference on the Universalization of the Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM) in May this year. It was a political commitment at the highest level of the Ghana Government and our genuine commitment to the Convention that shaped our decision to host this Conference.

Mr. President,

Allow me, on behalf of the Government and people of Ghana, express our thanks and gratitude to the Kingdom of Norway for the continuous leadership and commitment to the Oslo process and the UNDP and congratulate them on their immense financial support and efforts. We further express our profound appreciation to all representatives of the Sub-Sahara African States Parties and Non-States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM), Regional and International Organizations and Institutions who participated and contributed to making the Conference a great success.

I thank you.