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Distinguished Coordinators,

Allow me to express appreciation to Japan and Portugal as the Coordinators on the Working Group on Universalization and to thank both of you on the succinct presentation on the status of and challenges to universalization of the Convention on Cluster Munitions.

Universalization of the Convention on Cluster Munitions is a shared commitment and for States Parties, indeed an obligation that needs to be sustained over the years to come. It has been two years since the Convention on Cluster Munitions entered into force on 1 August 2010. 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.

While we are discussing on universalization, I would like to take this opportunity to express my support to Norway's initiative in giving a high priority on universalization of the Convention. I understand that Norway continuously promotes the Convention on Cluster Munitions in both bilateral meetings and in multilateral fora, at political level and at working level. I also welcome Norway's projects in conducting events in support of universalization activities in the future.

It is indeed a great progress that 75 States Parties have ratified the Convention on Cluster Munitions, representing an increase by 16% of States Parties since the Second Meeting of the Convention on Cluster Munitions held in Beirut last year.

Being one of the first Signatory States to the Convention on Cluster Munitions in December 2000, Indonesia strongly 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 in line with the outreach actions stipulated in the Vientiane Action Plan.

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 programs.

In keeping the spirit and noble aim of the Convention, I encourage more and more States not parties to the Convention to sign and join the Convention on Cluster Munitions. It is my belief that we should continue our efforts to increase the number of States Parties.

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