

Presentation by the Liberia National Commission on Small Arms (LiNSCA)

Mr. President we will like to pay tribute to your country for the hospitality extended to Liberian refugees who are residing in this country.

Mr. President Oslo is historical to Liberia for the good reason. Late last year two Liberians outstanding women were in this country to receive a Nobel peace prize for which we are grateful to the kingdom of Norway

Mr. President Liberia is indeed gratified for your preferment as president. We hope and trust that your leadership as president will impact the call on the ban of clusters munitions production and ~~ban~~ use

Mr. President we believe this meeting will carve a way forward for the vulnerable people whose lives and land is affected as a result of the production and use of such deadly weapon to mankind.

Mr. President, Liberia as a signatory to this convention will continue to support the ban on cluster munitions production and use.

Mr. President Liberia did not experience or ever stockpile cluster munitions but the country experience of small arms and light weapon during its 14 years of civil conflict have obliged us to support and sympathize with those affected with the use of cluster munitions and contamination Land which is imposing untold suffering on innocent lives the world over.

Mr. President we are please to inform this gathering which is been hosted in this historic city of Oslo, that Liberia in compliance with the prevention of the relevant decision of the authority of head of states of the economic community of west African states,

especially the October 31 1998 moratorium on the importation, exportation and manufacture of light weapons in west Africa, the December 1999 protocol relating to the mechanism for conflict prevention, management, resolution, peace- keeping and security, and the June 14, 2006 ECOWAS convention on small arms and light weapon, their ammunition and other related materials,

as well as the 2001 United Nations programme of actions to prevent ,combat and eradicate the illicit trade in small arms and light weapon in all its aspect, as a further manifestation of its determination to promote and consolidate peace and stability,

Liberia desires to establish a national commission to provide, as require, policy guidance, research and monitoring of national efforts to control the flow of arms and prevent, combat and eradicate the illicit trade and proliferation of small arms and light weapons within and across its border.

The government through the national legislature have enacted into law an act that establish the creation of the Liberia national commission on small arms on August 7, 2012. The act has already been presented and approved by her Excellency Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, President of the Republic of Liberia.

Thank you