

**CONVENTION ON CLUSTER MUNITIONS**

**THIRD MEETING OF STATES PARTIES, 11-14 SEPTEMBER 2012**

**IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT UNIT**

**STATEMENT BY NEW ZEALAND**

Mr President,

I would like to express the sincere appreciation of my delegation to Lebanon for their sterling efforts over the past year on the Implementation Support Unit (ISU). It is clear to us that Ambassador Assaker and her team could not have done more to achieve agreement on an ISU.

While we would have hoped for the establishment of an ISU at this meeting, as has been said, more time is needed.

We therefore support the approach you have outlined today that would see this meeting agree to extend the Beirut mandate to allow for further consultations on the ISU in the year ahead. Given the important asset an ISU would be for the Convention, we dearly hope that a decision will be possible this time next year in Lusaka and you have the full support of New Zealand in this regard.