

Intervention of the Delegation of Lebanon on National Implementation Measures

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Thank you Mr. /Madame President,

Let me start, on behalf of the Delegation of Lebanon, by expressing our sincere appreciation to New Zealand, as the Coordinator on National Implementation Measures for its continued hard work to strengthen the implementation of the Convention at the national level, as well as for their role within the Coordination Committee, and the immense support they lent to Lebanon during its presidency.

As stated during the Intersessional meeting in Geneva this spring 2012, Lebanon is pleased to report that efforts are currently underway to undertake a comprehensive review of all national legislation relevant to the Convention on Cluster Munitions in compliance with Article 9 of the CCM. A legal consultant was recruited in April 2012 to perform a mapping and review of the national legislation and to present recommendations to all concerned parties, including the Parliament, relevant Ministries and the Civil Society.

A technical work plan with several milestones was adopted and the following has been achieved: The National legislation was reviewed to identify the texts that are relevant and compatible with the CCM, and to identify the gaps in the existing texts related to its implementation.

Also several meetings were held with main stakeholders and a final report with recommendations was drafted and submitted.

Currently we are planning a series of meetings and workshops with the concerned ministries and the Lebanese Parliament to present to them our findings hoping to be able to introduce a Bill implementing the required changes to our national legislation within 2013.

Lebanon looks forward to provide more substantive information during the next intersessional and we thank other Member States for sharing their experiences, which will also help inform our national review.

Thank you, Mr. /Madame President,