

**Third Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions
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Presentation of the Oslo Progress Report

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Thank you Mr. President,

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Let me, with a few brief remarks, present the Oslo Progress Report.

During the past year, the status of the implementation of the Convention on Cluster Munitions has changed. The number of ratifications has significantly increased with 13 new States parties welcomed to our Convention increasing the number of States parties with 17% to a total of [75]. Importantly, in our endeavor to see this Convention make a difference on the ground, significant progress has also been made in the implementation of the Conventions' operative Articles. In particular we note strong implementation on stockpile destruction and in the clearance of affected areas.

The Oslo Progress Report and its Annex aims to capture the progress made in the period since the 2MSP. It is a compilation of the achievements reported by States that we hope will not only be a testament to the vitality of our Convention in recording the progress made in constructively addressing the harm posed and also caused by cluster munitions. We also hope that, over time, the Annex will facilitate a presentation of the trends associated with the implementation of this Convention. These trends are of course not necessarily visible yet due to the limited time of implementation since entry into force but we hope that over time, graphs enabled through these statistics, will all point in the right, clear and very determined direction, putting an end to the harm caused by cluster munitions.

The document is a factual reflection of the reports of States, by civil society, the ICRC and the UN as well as others who have informed of their activities to date. The Progress Report has not aimed to analyze the information obtained but rather present the state of play in the implementation of the Vientiane Action Plan as reported and found in publically provided reports and information.

I would like to thank States parties but also all other contributing States, the Coordinators, the CMC-ICBL and other contributing organizations for their information. I would also like to thank the Executive Coordination Team for the assistance in drafting this Report. Also, I would like to thank the UN ODA for their work with Conference services in the translation and publication of the Report. In this regard I would like to inform that the version of 17 July, which you will have found on the official 3MSP website is the consolidated and most current version. We also welcome factual corrections during the week and a final aggregated version will be presented annexed to the 3MSP Final Report. In this regard, I will ask you to refrain from comments at this time and rather raise any point you may have in relation to the Oslo Progress Report in the thematic discussions throughout the week.

Lastly, I wish to emphasize that the Oslo Progress Report, as presented by the President of the 2nd MSP, is not a negotiated document and we do not expect an adoption but look forward to the Meeting taking note of the Report, and in you welcoming the progress made as presented in *the Oslo Progress Report on the Implementation of the Vientiane Action Plan*.

Thank you.