

Intervention of the Delegation of Lebanon on Transparency Measures

3rd Meeting of State Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions,

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Thank you Mr. /Mrs. President,

On behalf of the Lebanese Delegation, we would like to thank Belgium, as Coordinator on Transparency Measures, for their strong support to improve transparency reporting.

Article 7 of the Oslo Convention requires each State Party to submit its initial report as well as to update annually its progress in the implementation of obligations under the Convention. In this regard, I would like to inform you that Lebanon has submitted its initial report and the annual subsequent report in accordance with Article 7 of the CCM in April 2012.

We reported changes under 6 relevant areas for Lebanon, namely, Form A on National implementation measures, Form F on Contaminated areas and clearance, Form G on Warning to the population and risk education, Form H on Victim Assistance, and Form I on National resources and International Cooperation and Assistance.

In line with Action # 51 of the Vientiane Action Plan, Lebanon actively involved all relevant partners, including the Lebanon Mine Action Center, civil society, and UNDP when compiling the Transparency Reports, to ensure all information was correct and up to date.

Lebanon believes the annual Transparency Report provides a good opportunity to raise awareness of the needs of affected States to fulfill their obligations in the Convention. In this regard, we have tried to include more concrete information on our resource mobilization needs in the most recent report, in line with the Lebanon National Strategy 2011 – 2020. One of our main objectives in the Strategy is to have all cluster munitions cleared by 2016, well in advance of our CCM deadline, to become one of the first affected States to be cluster munitions free.

Thank you Mr. /Mrs. President,