

**Afghanistan's statement to be delivered during the Cooperation and Assistance Session:**

For clearance of 7.1 sq km remaining cluster munitions contaminated areas in Afghanistan USD 3 mil is needed. Majority of these areas are classified high impacted. We have prepared a project proposal for complete clearance of these cluster munitions contaminated sites and have already submitted it to US Department of State and Embassy of Japan in Kabul but the project is not yet funded.

Capacity is available for implementation of this project within a year period subject to availability of fund. We have a responsive monitoring and evaluation system covering all stages of the project life time including project design, implementation and post clearance evaluation phases to ensure best value is given for donors' money. We normally provide donors with monitoring and evaluation reports of the projects they fund progressively every quarter and at the end of each project. We also undertake post demining impact assessment on 10% of all cleared areas six month to one year after an area is cleared to measure the socio economic impact of demining intervention on the lives of beneficiaries.

The project document is available and I would like to draw the attention of honorable donors if they want to pick it and have the pride of finalist in terms of helping Afghan Government in fulfillment of its obligation in relation to the Article four of CCM. I would like to remind honorable donors to consider it as an "easily doable" task when consider it as an option amongst a set of other projects they want to fund.