

**Fourth Meeting of States Parties
To the
Convention on Cluster Munitions
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Statement by Canada on National Implementation Measures

Thank you, Mr. President,

The Government of Canada has tabled its national legislation to implement the Convention on Cluster Munitions. Canada's legislation reflects all of the legal obligations of the Convention that require domestic implementing legislation. We have gone even further by prohibiting other activities as a matter of policy. For instance, the Canadian Armed Forces will prohibit by policy the transportation of cluster munitions aboard carriers belonging to them, or which are under their control. This policy will be translated into operational directives which themselves are legally binding for our soldiers under the military justice system.

Canada's implementing legislation, the proposed Prohibiting *Cluster Munitions Act*, is under consideration by Canada's Parliament. The House of Commons debated the legislation in May and June of this year and referred it to committee. The Canadian Parliament may be able to pass the implementing legislation later this year or next year.

Canada is firmly committed to the goals of this Convention which aims to protect civilians.

Thank you.