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AT THE

**THE FOURTH MEETING OF STATES PARTIES TO
THE CONVENTION ON CLUSTER MUNITIONS (CCM)**

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Madam Chair

Excellencies

Distinguished delegates,

I should like to begin by congratulating Zambia for its election as President of the 4th MSP and to express deep appreciation for the hospitality accorded my delegation since our arrival in Zambia.

Allow me to express the pleasure of the Co-ordinators of Universalisation to convey our sincere appreciation to all delegations that have made interventions and shared their views in this session. I wish to commend all State parties, non-State parties, and civil society organisations for the various activities that have been undertaken to universalize this Convention.

We share a common sense of satisfaction for the successes achieved since the 3rd Meeting of State Party in Oslo, Norway and the anticipation we continue to have of more ratifications in the near future as we continue to make efforts in that direction. We believe that at all cost, Cluster Munitions should continue to be made morally unattractive and an avoidable choice of weapon through our goal of universalizing the Convention.

The Universalisation Co-ordination Team in this regard, cannot look any further in search of support in pursuit of its mandate which is very much the obligation of all parties or stakeholders to this excellent Convention.

We strongly believe that we have gathered at this meeting and shared our respective experiences, for the common purpose of seeking to eradicate a preventable quagmire involving cluster munitions and the danger posed by unexploded remnants to both civilians and peacekeeping troops.

**Madam Chair,
Distinguished delegates,**

We are in this light very grateful to the Government and the People of Zambia for accepting to host the fourth meeting of States Parties and to you Madam Chair for Steering this session to a successful end.

Finally, on behalf of the Co-ordinators on Universalisation, may I commend all the Eight (8) new State parties that have joined this Convention since the 3rd MSP in Oslo for the welcome step they have taken. We are very happy to have you on board.

In closing this session dedicated to Universalization, I would like to reiterate our gratitude to other members of the team, States Parties, the ICRC, UNDP and the CMC, for their tireless efforts to promote the Convention globally. It has been a good example of cooperation between States and civil society.

I thank you.