

STATEMENT BY
THE KINGDOM OF SWAZILAND.
IN ZAMBIA, LUSAKA (4MSP)

THANKYOU CHAIR,

DISTIGUISH GUESTS FROM THE CONTINENT AND THE REST OF THE WORLD,

LADIES AND GENTLEMAN,

AS IT IS FOR THE FIRST TIME FOR SWAZILAND TO TAKE THE FLOOR, ALLOW ME TO JOIN THE OTHER MEMBER STATES TO THE CONVENTION ON CLUSTER MUNITIONS IN CONGRATULATING YOU AND MEMBERS OF YOUR BUREAU UPON YOUR WELL DERSEVED APOINTMENT AS PRESIDENT TO PRESIDE OVER THE PROCEEDINGS OF THIS IMPORTANT FOURTH MEETING OF STATE PARTIES (4MSP) ON THE CONVENTION ON CLUSTER MUNITIONS, MY DELEGATION ASSURES YOU OF ITS FULL SUPPORT, AND FURTHER EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE TO THE GORVERMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA FOR HOSTING THIS MEETING AND THE WARM HOSPITALITY WE HAVE ENJOYED SINCE OUR ARRIVAL HERE IN ZAMBIA LUSAKA, AS WELL AS THE SUPERB FACILITIES PUT AT OUR DISPOSAL FOR THIS CONGRESS.

CHAIR,

SWAZILAND IS JOINING THE OTHER MEMBER STATES PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON CLUSTER MUNITIONS, PATICULARY THOSE STATES IN THE CONTINENT OF AFRICA WHO ARE SIGNATORY AND THOSE NONE-SIGNATORIES. IN ENCOURAGING THEM IN THE UNIVERSALIZATION OF THE CCM BY RETIFYING AND THOSE THAT NEED TO ACCEDE TO DO SO WITHOUT DELAY IN ORDER TO FULFIL THE CAMPAIGNE AND FURTHER TO SAVE MANY INOCENT LIVES FROM THIS DEADLY INDISCRIMINATE WEAPONS WHICH ALSO HINDERS THE ECONOMIC GROWTH OF AFFECTED COUNTRIES. SWAZILAND BELIEVES THAT IT IS A POSSIBLE GOAL TO ATTAIN AS LONG AS WE STAND TOGETHER, UNITED IN OUR QUEST TO OBTAIN A CLUSTER MUNITIONS FREE ZONE IN OUR BEUTIFUL GOD GIVEN AFRICAN CONTINENT AND THE REST OF THE WORLD.

CHAIR,

THE KINGDOM OF SWAZILAND IS PROUD TO REAFFIRM ITS UNRESERVED FULL SUPPORT AND COMMITMENT TO **THE VIENTIANE ACTION PLAN (VAP), THE ACRRA UNIVERSALIZATION**

ACTION PLAN AND THE LOME STRATEGY ON THE UNIVERSALIZATION OF THE CONVENTION ON CLUSTER MUNITIONS, TO ITS GOAL TO ATTAIN CLUSTER MUNITIONS FREE AFRICA THROUGH UNIVERSAL ADHERENCE TO THE CCM.WE BELIEVE THIS IS POSSIBLE AS LONG AS AFRICA STANDS TOGETHER, UNITED IN OUR FIGHT TO OBTAIN A CLUSTER MUNITIONS FREE ZONE. LASTLY WE EMPHASIS THE ADHERENCE OF ALL STATES TO THIS CONVENTION TO WORK STRENUOUSLY TOWARDS THE UNIVERSALISATION AND ITS FULL IMPLEMENTATION.

CHAIR,

IT IS ABSOLUTLY DISTURBING IF NOT MIND TOURTURING TO LEARN THAT AS WE PROMOTE THE CLUSTER MUNITION FREE ZONE IN AFRICA AND THE REST OF THE WORLD, THERE ARE STATES WHICH CONTINUE TO **PRODUCE, STOCKPILE, USE AND TRANFARE** THIS DEADLY INDISCREMINATE WEAPONS, THEREBY CAUSING MORE CASUALTIES TO THE ALREADY HUGE NUMBERS OF CASUALTIES THE WORLD IS PRESENTLY NURSING, THE KINGDOM OF SWAZILAND THEREFORE ENCOURANGES THOSE STATES TO CONSIDER THE TRUAMA AND SUFFERING THEY CAUSE TO THE INNOCENT CHILDREN AND WOMEN WHO ARE EXPECTED TO ENJOY THE GOD GIVEN PREVELEDGE TO LIVE A NORMAL LIFE AS PER THE CREATOR,s DESIRE.

WE THEREFORE AS THE KINGDOM OF SWAZILAND CALL UPON GOVERNMENTS OF ALL AFRICAN STATES INPARTICULAR, TO UNITE THEIR EFFORTS TOGETHER, WORK AS A TEAM WITH THE NONE GORVERMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (NGOs)/CIVIL SOCIETIES TO MOBILIZE THE MASSES TO JOIN THE CAMPAIGN, AS AFRICA AND THE REST OF THE WORLD TODAY HERE IN ZAMBIA IN THIS CONGRESS IS CONDEMING THE USE OF THIS INDISCRIMINATE WEAPONS AND ITS GRAVE CONSEQUENCES CAUSED BY THE USE OF CLUSTER MUNITIONS.

CHAIR,

MAY YOU HUMBLY ALLOW ME TO CONCLUDE BY CALLING UPON ALL MEMBER STATES TO THE CONVENTION ON CLUSTER MUNITIONS TO REVERT TO THE ACIENT PROVERB BY THE GREAT STATE MAN KING SOBHUZA 11 WHICH SAYS I QOUTE"ACTION SPEAKS LOUDER THAN WORDS"UNQOUTE, LETS STOP TALKING AND START EXCECUTING THE TASK A HEAD OF US, IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH THE MISSION. IT HAS BEEN SAID, LETS ALL MAKE THIS WEAPON TO STOP ITS EXISTENCE THROUGH ADHERENCE TO THE CONVETION AND ITS REQUIREMENTS. LETS AFRICA SET AN EXAMPLE TO THE WHOLE WORLD BY TAKING A LEAD AND SHOW RESPONSIBILITY.

THANKYOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION,

GOD BLESS US ALL.