

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA



STATEMENT

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SAFETY AND SECURITY OF THE REPUBLIC OF
NAMIBIA , AT THE 4TH MEETING OF THE STATE
PARTIES ON CONVENTION OF CLUSTER MUNITIONS**

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- ❖ **Mr. President**
- ❖ **Your Excellencies Ambassadors and High Commissioners accredited to Zambia;**
- ❖ **Distinguished delegates**
- ❖ **Ladies and Gentlemen;**

As a signatory to the convention, Namibia welcomes the opportunity to partake at this important United Nations Conference on Cluster Munitions.

At the onset, I would like to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to the people and Government of Zambia for the warm hospitality accorded to me and my delegation since our arrival to this beautiful city of Lusaka.

I am also thankful to all the stakeholders involved in preparations for this meeting, including the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), for making our participation since inception of this Convention possible through the generous financial support.

Mr President;

Mr President, Namibia is well known to be a country which is not directly affected by the threat of cluster munitions. We neither produced, used, stockpiled nor transferred these precarious weapons.

Namibia joined the Oslo Process from the beginning, with a clear humanitarian inspiration and unyielding commitment. We continue to take a keen interest in the process, which we believe should have a clear human face to it.

Mr President;

Along the same lines, I would like to remind this conference that Namibia was among the first states which signed the convention in December 2008. Therefore, after extensive consultations in this regard, I am delighted to inform this meeting that Namibia is at an advanced stage which will see the deposit of the said instrument for ratification.

To this end, Namibia will be a state party of CCM before the Fifth Meeting of the States Parties on the Convention on Cluster Munitions.

Mr. President;

In conclusion, I would like to once again extend our profound gratitude and thanks to the people and government for their hospitality.

I Thank You.