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~~General~~ Statement by Germany

on Cooperation and Assistance

*Senor Presidente,*

Cooperation and assistance among States Parties is crucial in order to achieve the objectives of the Convention on Cluster Munitions. Germany is privileged to provide substantial support for cluster munitions clearance, stockpile destruction and other activities related to the provisions of the Convention. In 2013 Germany spent around 15 million EUR for this purpose.

I would like to give you just a few examples: In May 2013, Germany supported a seminar on the implementation of the Cluster Munitions Convention. The seminar was organised by the *Centre for Security Cooperation "RACVIAC"* and took place in Macedonia. In April 2014, Germany supported a "RACVIAC" symposium on ways of dealing with cluster munitions and mine contamination, thus sharing expertise, opinions and best practices as well as exploring the way ahead towards the full implementation of the Convention. The symposium was part of a series of events of the *International Symposium and Equipment Exhibition "Mine Action 2014"* in Croatia.

In 2013, Germany provided substantial humanitarian assistance for mine clearance in over 22 countries. Deminers focused on cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines and

other types of unexploded ordnance. A gender based approach was part of our demining activities, thus fostering the implementation of Resolution 1325 of the Security Council of the United Nations. The demining work included awareness raising and educational campaigns for civilians as well as assistance to victims of cluster munitions. As a member of the Convention on the Rights of persons with Disabilities, Germany helps to address the special needs of all persons with disabilities, including those of survivors of cluster munitions explosions.

Last year, Germany funded the destruction of stockpiles of cluster munitions in Georgia and Macedonia. We will continue our efforts to assist States Parties in need of cooperation and assistance in order to achieve our commitments under the Convention.

*Muchas gracias, Senor Presidente!*