

7th Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Convention
(CCM 7MSP)

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Statement by JAPAN

Universalization

Thank you, Mr. President,

At the outset, since this is the first time to take the floor, we would like to express our appreciation to you for your preparation of this meeting and commend France and Zambia for their efforts to facilitate the discussion on universalization. In addition, we would like to congratulate and warmly welcome the Republic of Madagascar and the Republic of Benin for ratifying the Convention this past year.

Mr. President,

Currently, there are 102 States Parties to the Convention. We would like to commend the efforts by the President, Coordinator, countries, and international organizations involved who helped facilitate in reaching this number.

However, it is regrettable that in the Asia-Pacific region, to which Japan continues to attach importance, there is just one state, the republic of Palau, which has ratified the convention since the last MSP.

Japan has made universalization efforts by encouraging states not party in this region to ratify the convention through high-level bilateral meetings, bilateral disarmament dialogue, and regional disarmament meetings.

Mr. President,

As set out in the Dubrovnik Action Plan, the aim of universalization is to reach 130 States Parties by the Second Review Conference (2RC) in 2020. Japan, for its part, will continue to work closely with other States Parties and international organizations to advance further universalization so that this numerical target of States Parties can be attained by the 2RC.

Thank you, Mr. President.