

ON BEHALF OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF LIBERIA, I BRING YOU GREETINGS FROM THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WHICH HAS THE MANDATE TO ENSURE THAT INTERNATIONAL TREATIES AND CONVENTIONS TO WHICH LIBERIA IS A SIGNATORY ARE RATIFIED, HAS BEEN WORKING TO ENSURE THAT THE CONVENTION ON CLUSTER MUNITIONS, WHICH IS CURRENTLY AT THE LEGISLATURE IS RATIFIED. THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH IS EXERTING EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT THE CONVENTION IS RACTIFIED IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE.

LIBERIA IS GRATEFUL TO THE SPONSORS AND DONORS FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY WHICH ALLOWS LIBERIA'S PARTICIPATON IN THIS MEETING, AS THIS WILL ENABLE US LEARN FROM OTHER NATIONS WHAT STEPS WERE TAKEN IN THEIR PROCESS OF RATIFICATION. THE LESSONS WE TAKE BACK HOME WILL ENABLE US INFORM OUR LEGISLATURE ON THE IMPORTANCE OF GETTING THIS VERY IMPORTANT CONVENTION RATIFIED.

I THANK YOU.