

## **Statement of the Chairman on MSP CCM 2018**

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Mr. President

Allow me express my sincere appreciation to the Government and the beloved people of Switzerland on conducting this important occasion. And since it is a first time for me to take the floor I would like to congratulate you on assuming the presidency of the 8<sup>th</sup> MSP.

South Sudan did accede to the Convention on Cluster Munitions in August 2017. It is the commitment that South Sudan as a Nation had taken upon itself to carry out by complying with its requirements: that is clearing of the contaminated areas, prohibiting their production and preventing their use and so on and so forth. As we speak, we are in the process of ratification which is now in the second reading in the National legislative Assembly. Soon the third and the final reading will be completed after which it will be sent to New York as a finished document officialising its membership

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Clearance of cluster munitions is being carried out together with that related to land mine. Operators assign to do clearance altogether in the contaminated areas do not make any distinction between land mines and cluster munitions fields and

it is well progressing since the time we commenced land mine's clearance in the country.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I would like to urge those countries that have not joined this treaty to take courage and join this noble body, because this world will be a better place if it is only cluster and mine free world.

Last but not least, we sincerely thank our donors for the support to the programme for without them we would not be saving innocent lives and again we thank our operators for the splendid work they do in the country.

Thank you so much.

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