

Intersessional meeting on the Convention on Cluster Munition
Statement of the Czech Republic on universalisation
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Thank you, Mr. Chairman,

As the Czech Republic is taking the floor for the first time at this meeting let me thank warmly to the government of Lebanon for excellent work done so far and congratulate both Japan and Portugal for Chairing, this important session on universalization.

The Czech Republic belongs to the states which have been actively promoting the adoption of legally binding instruments which would prohibit certain conventional weapons with indiscriminate damage effect on civilian population. That is why the Czech Republic is also a long time supporter of the Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM) and was amongst the first to sign it.

I am pleased to inform this forum that the Czech Republic belongs to those countries that have finished ratification process. The Czech Republic did so by depositing its instrument of ratification with the UN Secretary General on 22 September 2011 and become a State Party to Cluster Munition Convention on March 1st this year. We have been providing regular updates on this process. It took a little bit longer than it was expected, but good news is that the process comprised also preparation and adoption of required implementation legislation, which is in force now.

Thank you for your attention

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