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STATEMENT

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Mr. Chairman ,

As it is the first time that my delegation is taking the floor, let me take this opportunity to express my appreciation to Lebanon for its excellent work as President. Also, my delegation would like to thank Japan and Portugal for coordinating this session on universalization.

Mr. Chairman,

In my delegation's intervention at the Second Meeting of States Parties in Beirut last year, we made a commitment to engage and inspire all the other countries making up the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) to ratify or accede to the Convention on Cluster Munitions.

Since Beirut, Grenada has been utilizing all opportunities to encourage its CARICOM neighbours to become parties to the Convention.

Mr. Chairman,

My delegation is delighted to see that our closest neighbour Trinidad and Tobago has since become a State Party and thereby bringing the number of CARICOM countries who are State Parties to four (4). This means there are ten (10) more countries within CARICOM who are not yet State Parties.

Mr. Chairman,

Grenada fully supports the universalization of the Convention on Cluster Munitions. Accordingly, my delegation will continue its efforts to ensure the full commitment and participation from CARICOM.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.