

**Statement by the Lao Delegation
On Transparency Measures
At the Intersessional Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on Cluster munitions
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Coordinator,

Let me thank Belgium for the excellent work on its comprehensive report regarding transparency measures.

The Article 7 of the Oslo Convention requires each State Party to submit its initial report as well as to update annually its progress in the implementation of obligations under the Convention. In this regard, I would like to inform you that Lao PDR has submitted its initial report and the annual subsequent report in accordance with the Article 7 of the CCM in March 2012. We reported changes in 6 relevant areas for us, namely, Form A on National implementation measures, Form F on Contaminated areas and clearance, Form G on Warning to the population and risk education, Form H on Victim Assistance, Form I on National resources and International Cooperation and Assistance, and Form J on Other relevant matters, which we choose to report our work on universalization. Details of the report have reflected in our respective statements during the thematic discussions.

Coordinator, just to let you know that the reporting template is fine for us, but in the report some required information still cannot be provided due to the data collecting system is not yet updated to match the requirement of the report. For example, we are able to provide only the number of destroyed sub-cluster munitions but cannot provide the type of cluster munitions, because it has been done in the old system. This issue is now well aware and the instruction from NRA to operators to include more required information is already underway. Another issue is the contaminated area that it is impossible for us to provide the precise data, due to the contaminated area is so huge as you know. We have to wait for the outcomes and evaluation of the district approach pilot projects which are being carried out and then we will decide how best we can address the issue.

Thank you for your attention.