

Intervention of the Delegation of Lebanon on National Implementation Measures

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Thank you Mr./Madame President,

Let me start, on behalf of the Delegation of Lebanon, by expressing our sincere appreciation to New Zealand, as the Coordinator on National Implementation Measures for its continued hard work to strengthen implementation of the Convention at the national level, as well as for their role within the Coordination Committee, and their continued support to the presidency.

Lebanon is pleased to report that efforts are currently underway to undertake a comprehensive review of all national legislation relevant to the Convention on Cluster Munitions in compliance with Article 9 of the CCM. A legal consultant has recently been recruited who will perform a mapping and review of the national legislation and will present recommendations to all concerned parties, including the Parliament, relevant Ministries and civil society by July 2012.

Since the Lebanese Parliament hosted an event in September 2011, before the 2MSP, to shed light on the importance of the Convention on Cluster Munitions, further meetings have been held with Parliamentarians and advisors to inform them about the legislative review, in line with Action # 65 of the Vientiane Action Plan. In addition, all relevant Ministries, in particular the Ministry of Social Affairs, Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Defence have been made aware of the review underway. The support and involvement of all relevant actors will be pursued further once the recommendations of the legal consultant have been prepared.

With regard to ensuring the rights of cluster munitions victims, Lebanon has signed the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. The national law 220/2000 on "Access and Rights of the People with Disability" is also in place, which addresses the rights of people with disabilities to proper education, rehabilitation services, employment, medical services, sports and access to public transport and other facilities, but it must be implemented. Both these instruments will also be part of the legislative review being undertaken by the Legal Consultant.

Lebanon looks forward to providing more substantive information at the 3MSP in Norway in September, on the how nationally; we will give effect to both the prohibitions and positive

obligations of the Convention. We thank other Member States for sharing their experiences, which will also help inform our national review.

Thank you, Madame Chairperson,