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Distinguished colleague

I write to you in my capacity as the Convention on Cluster Munitions Co-ordinator on National Implementation Measures. New Zealand was honoured to be confirmed in this role at the Second Meeting of States Parties in Beirut last year and we look forward to working with all States Parties to strengthen implementation of the Convention at the national level.

You will recall that during the First Meeting of States Parties in Laos, the Vientiane Action Plan was adopted. It includes three action points on national implementation measures (action points 63, 64 and 65).

It was clear from the Beirut Progress Report that while some progress has been made in fulfilling these action points, more work remains to be done. We do hope that through our collective efforts we will be able to report progress in these areas at the Third Meeting of States parties in Oslo this September.

The upcoming intersessional meeting in Geneva, 16-19 April 2012, provides a timely opportunity for delegations to exchange views on their national experiences in implementing the Convention, particularly as outlined in Article 9.

In this regard I would like to underscore the importance of your country's contributions and updates for the Oslo progress report which will be presented at the Meeting of States Parties in September. I hope that during the intersessional meeting in Geneva, your delegation will raise any matter on national implementation that could usefully be discussed, with particular reference to the action points, referenced above, in the Vientiane Action Plan. It would be our hope that a number of States will use the opportunity of the intersessional meeting to report on how, nationally, they give effect to both the prohibitions and positive obligations of the Convention.

New Zealand will have the honour of chairing a session on this matter, tentatively scheduled for the afternoon of Wednesday 18 April. Please do not hesitate to contact my colleague Raylene Liufalani at [raylene.liufalani@mfat.govt.nz](mailto:raylene.liufalani@mfat.govt.nz) if you have anything you would like to discuss in this regard.

Yours sincerely

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