



STATEMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA ON UNIVERSALIZATION

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Thank you Chair.

Allow me to use this opportunity to inform that the *Workshop on Cluster Munitions* will be organized for the fourth time in Zagreb, Croatia, in a month's time. The said event is traditionally co-organized by the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of Croatia and RACVIAC –Centre for Security Cooperation.

The purpose of this Workshop is to share the latest developments and challenges related to the implementation of the CCM, primarily between the regional stakeholders. That said, this year we decided to put special emphasis on four pillars of the CCM and modalities for their concrete implementation – universalization, clearance, stockpile destruction and victim assistance. We will also take a look back at the results and conclusions of the 2MSP held in Beirut.

Last year's Workshop was attended by 40 participants representing 21 stakeholders. Namely, the participants included experts from 10 states, among which eight states parties to the CCM (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Germany, Lao PDR, Macedonia FRY, Moldova and Montenegro), one state signatory (Hungary) and one state non-party (Serbia).