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Mr. Chair,

At the outset, I would like on behalf of my delegation to extend thanks and gratitude for the organizers of this important intersessional meeting , the Presidency Lebanon, the coordinators , CMC for their concern and follow up and last but not least the Secretariat.

My statement is responding to the statement of Cluster Munitions Coalition CMC in which some acusations were directed to my beloved country Sudan.

Mr. Chair,

My country Sudan was very active and contributed in all the preparatory meetings of the International Convention to ban Cluster Munitions. Sudan also agreed on the conclusions.

In spite of not being a member, Sudan participated actively in the first meeting of the States Parties. Now consultations are going on in Sudan and countries of the region to discuss accession. But, of course, this needs more time for discussions with legislative bodies and authorities concerned.

Concerning Cluster Munitions, Sudan is not a producing country and does not own stockpilings, and did not use it before, neither in the far past, nor the near one. So any accusations to my country in this field are groundless. Accusations always come from political activists working against my country, such as the politicized constituencies. One of those who are accusing Sudan , who said he was an eye witness was declared persona Non Grata in 2003, because of his malicious work and politicized activities. This makes his allegations irrelevant and not valid.

The realities supporting this argument were reflected by the impartial reports from regional and international Agencies and organizations.

Mr. Chair,

I assure you that if any remains of Cluster Munitions are found in Sudan those were used by those who are now colonizing Heglig in South Kordofan and helping the militarily rebellion in some parts of my country. And here my Government would like to express gratitude to the wise voices asking the colonizers to withdraw from the areas they have occupied.

Finally, I seize this opportunity to thank you and all those behind walls who helped to make this meeting a success. My delegation expresses its full support to the convention and promises to accede once its consultations are completed.

Thank you Mr. Chair