



Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM)

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Universalization

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Mr Coordinator

Switzerland would like to thank Japan and Portugal for their much appreciated efforts regarding the universalization of the CCM.

I would like to share with you the good news, that the Swiss parliament confirmed ratification of the Convention on Cluster Munitions exactly a month ago and adopted a comprehensive legislation for national implementation measures.

This legislation, which will enter into force simultaneously with Switzerland's membership as a State Party to the CCM - presumably in January 2013, includes not only a comprehensive prohibition on cluster munitions, but also a ban on investments on prohibited weapons, which *inter alia* includes a ban on investments in cluster munitions and anti-personnel mines.

On 5 July 2012, the national referendum deadline on the legislation will expire, and Switzerland - hopefully - may then deposit its ratification instruments with the United Nations.

Thank you, Mr Coordinator.