

**Intervention of the Delegation of Lebanon on Transparency Reporting  
CCM Intersessional Meeting  
Geneva, April 15-18 2013**

Thank you Madam Chairperson,

Allow me at the outset to extend the Lebanese delegation appreciation to the Coordinator on Transparency Measures for his tireless efforts.

We have just learned from our colleagues coming from the capital that Lebanon transparency reports for 2012 will be ready well ahead the deadline set by the convention, i.e. before 30 April 2013. The transparency reports are being revised and will be submitted shortly to the Office of Disarmament Affairs.

Madam Chairperson, although the report will contain a comprehensive elaboration on the progress as regards the thematic issues enshrined in the Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM), allow me to highlight one point in this informal meeting that this delegation thinks very important in terms the appropriate implementation of the convention's provisions;

The Lebanese Mine Action and other Explosive Remnants of War Strategy sets a deadline for cluster munition remnants' clearance by 2016; and this is based on the assumption that the number of the Battle Area Clearance teams (BAC teams) is 40, all working in parallel. The problem faced by the Lebanese Mine Action Centre is the shortage of funds available, therefore, only 23 BAC teams are currently funded to pursue this humanitarian task. With this, there are grave concerns among the relevant authorities in Lebanon as regards the deadline as initially set.

We call on all States that are in a position to do so to provide assistance to Lebanon so that we can cope with the deadly legacy left by Israel's frequent aggressions.

Thank you Madam Chairperson.