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Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

Afghanistan's updates on Clearance and Survey

Intersessional Meeting of States parties to CCM

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Afghanistan's statement re the Article - 4:

Excellencies, Distinguished Heads of Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen!

The Government of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan signed the CCM in December 2008 and ratified it on 8 September 2011.

Cluster munitions beside landmines and ERW have affected many communities in Afghanistan. In the period 1981 - 2010, 222 Afghans either killed or injured as a result of accidents related to cluster munitions however since 2011 no casualties have been reported because of cluster munitions.

With regard to the Article three of the CCM, Afghanistan has already destroyed all its Cluster Munitions stocks before the CCM entered into force.

Regarding the Article four of the CCM, Afghanistan has a comprehensive survey information on the extent and impact of explosives hazards including cluster munitions. Currently, 19 cluster munitions contaminated sites with an area of over 7 sq km remained un-cleared in Afghanistan however two thirds of cluster munitions problem has already been addressed. These cluster munitions sites are located in 4 Provinces out of 34. Clearance of areas contaminated by cluster munitions is included in the national mine action implementation plan. It is worth mentioning that 60% of these cluster munitions contaminated areas are planned for clearance in the period 2013 – 2015 while the remaining parts are planned for later years because of their locations in insecure areas.

At the end I would like to reiterate that the GIRoA commit itself to fulfilling its obligations in relation to the Convention on Cluster Mentions and other international conventions to which Afghanistan is a state party.

Thank you