



Madame / Mister Coordinator

My Delegation would like to thank Sweden and Chile for their precious efforts as co-ordinators and for the preparation of today's session. Co-operation and assistance is crucial for the full and timely implementation of the Convention.

Switzerland's co-operation with affected States is guided by its 2012-2015 mine action strategy, which outlines the main principles and priorities of our policy and operational support pertaining to cluster munitions, together with anti-personnel mines and other explosive remnants of war.

Today, we would like to highlight a few issues in regard to South-South co-operation and national ownership, topics, which had been proposed by the coordinators for today's session.

Switzerland's main efforts in regard to the implementation of the Convention on Cluster Munitions lay in South-East Asia, a region heavily affected by this deadly legacy of past conflicts. In this context, we realise the importance of taking into account national plans, when developing programmes. Furthermore, the efficiency and effectiveness, but also the transparency and accountability of programmes are significantly increased with the national capacity and the national ownership displayed. This includes a frank and substantive dialogue between the recipient and the donor.

We find it thus particularly important that we continue to improve the necessary instruments to measure progress and to learn lessons from our common endeavours. In view of scarce resources and of the call for more effectiveness, it is essential to be able to demonstrate the change and the difference we are able to make on the ground.

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Switzerland also puts particular emphasis on gender mainstreaming in strategies, programmes and projects. We are of the view that the inclusion of the fact that men, women, boys and girls are affected differently by cluster munitions calls for age and gender disaggregated data when designing monitoring and evaluating our efforts.

And last but not least, allow me to recall that reporting plays a key role in the provision of assistance. This is true for all levels: for the national reporting in the framework of the conventions, but also for the reporting on specific programmes and projects. It is important that the demonstration of national ownership and of the partnerships between recipients and donor is included in the reports, because this will ensure a lasting legacy of our common aspirations.

Thank you very much.