

**Vietnam's statement in the CCM Intersessional Meeting**  
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Thank you Mr. Coordinator. At the outset, I would like to thank Sweden and Chile to act as Coordinators for the session and I think that under their able coordinatorship, the session will be fruitful.

*Ladies and Gentlemen,*

Vietnam welcomes the humanitarian objectives of the Convention (CCM), including the establishment of an international assistance and cooperation mechanism to address the consequences of the indiscriminate use of the cluster munitions. However, Vietnam considers that some technical points of the Convention may create difficulties for the deployment process: firstly, Member States must complete clearance objective in 10 years, may be extended no longer than 5 years, while with a giant quantity of bomb and mine remains unsolved in Vietnam today, estimated by experts, Vietnam needs some decades, even a hundred year to fully complete the clearance; secondly, the Convention presents responsibility in dealing with the consequences of the use of cluster munitions firstly on the affected countries while lack of mechanism for international support and cooperation. Vietnam is of the view that the cluster munitions users, producers and exporters must be responsible for assisting affected countries.

Vietnam continues exploring the possibilities of acceding to the Convention and we will accede to the Convention when all sufficient conditions appropriate to the context of Vietnam are already created.

As one of the countries severely affected by explosive remnant of war (ERW) in general, and cluster munitions in particular, the Government and People of Vietnam are very interested in solutions to deal with these problems including the grand policy (in April 2010, the Prime Minister of Vietnam H.E. Nguyen Tan Dung has approved the National Action Program on postwar Bomb and Mine Action period from 2010 to 2025, and established a National Steering Committee to oversee these process).

Vietnam also repeatedly attends and contributes much to the international activities within the framework of the CCM as the States Party Meetings in

successive year 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, in Laos, Norway, Lebanon, Zambia respectively...), the intersessional meetings (mainly in Geneva), the meeting of the Council of GICHD with the participation of Vietnam Ambassador in Geneva Nguyen Trung Thanh as the member of GICHD Council.

Recently, Vietnam has successfully organized the Conference on Bombs and Mines Action with international partners in Hanoi from 13-14 of March 2014. The Conference has evaluated the results of the implementation of the National Program of Bombs and Mines Action after the war (so called the 504 Programme and hopefully under the able and comprehensive management of 504 Programme as the CCM-related work is a part of its coverage and mandate, the CCM process of Vietnam will produce good news in 2014). I finally should mention here the decision to establish the National Mine Action Center in Vietnam (VNMAC), as well the Fund to resolve the consequences of bombs and mines which are supported by our Prime Minister H.E. Nguyen Tan Dung. On this occasion, we would like to thank the countries, international organizations and donors who have attended the Conference and committed to support Vietnam. Vietnam would like to continue receiving supports and funds from Governments and International Organizations through this Fund. In the near future, Vietnam will establish the Mine Action Partnership Group on resolving the consequences of bombs and mines and act as a mechanism for dialogue between Vietnam and international donors on policies and measures to enhance the efficiency in mobilization and coordination of mine action resources and activities.

I thank you Mr. Coordinator.