

**Fiji Statement**  
**Cluster Munitions Conventions**  
**10<sup>th</sup> MSP**  
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Thank you, Mister President,

Fiji wishes to congratulate the United Kingdom and you for your appointment as President of the 10<sup>th</sup> MSP, we're confident with your leadership much can be achieved and revitalised not only as travel restrictions has been quite settled but more so the urgent need in view of the current geo-political environment of our time now.

Fiji also commends the co-President the Philippines and Spain for their reports and hardwork in their universalisation efforts which is truly encouraging.

As a party to the CCM, Fiji attests great significance to the Convention in view of the harmful and disastrous impact of cluster munitions in the pursuance for peace in our multilateral resolve. Our global environment has been compounded by a number of serious issues that requires global response. However, every small steps we take to address issues such as through the universalisation of the CCM is critical as a step in the right direction.

The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic has impacted our ability to enhance our ability to reach out in the Pacific and to strengthen our approach towards universalisation in line with Lausanne programme of action. We believe, this could be further enhanced and prioritised in the future.

In the Pacific as my colleagues from New Zealand and Australia has said, we're working to ensure that our neighbours in the Pacific could be roped into in our universalisation efforts. This effort requires regional approach in addition to bilateral and other initiatives.

We wish to affirm that we will work closely with the Secretariat and our bilateral partners to envisage on appropriate initiatives to enhance our universalisation efforts. We can also draw attention from other disarmament instruments within Geneva as guidance going forward in our universalisation efforts to ensure that our universalisation efforts are coordinated and targeted having learnt from other success stories.

I wish you the very best in your Chairmanship and Fiji looks forward to a successful 10<sup>th</sup> MSP this week.

Thank you