

## **Cambodian short statement updating on the CCM**

Thank You Mr. Chair for the floor;

First, I would like to express my congratulations to Laos PDR for the great success in hosting and the leadership of the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the States Parties and to continue enhancing and promoting the Convention on the Cluster Munitions. My congratulations also go to Japan for her tireless effort on excellent exercises to the Universalization.

Let me reiterate to the meeting that, Cambodia was a strong supporter of the CCM since its early process. Despite being confronted and threatened by forces, so far we have refrained from employing cluster munitions in our response.

For Cambodia, the signing of CCM is just a matter of time, not an issue of our commitment to the CCM and its merits. We have also committed ourselves to the provisions of the CCM in terms of clearance, assisting the Victims from both mines and ERW, providing Risk Education, surveying and mapping the contaminated areas as part of our BLS phase-III and also Reporting through Art. 7.

Now I would also like to update on our process. There have been some positive developments regarding Cambodia's possible signing of the CCM. Recently, there have been discussions at the highest level of the government and some common understanding in favor of the CCM was reached.

The issue is now in the hands of our top leadership. We hope that an announcement regarding our position vis-à-vis the CCM can be made before the 11MSP in Phnom Penh.

I thank you again Mr. Chair!