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Excellency,

On behalf of my Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, H.E. Dr. Thongloun Sisoulith, President of the 1st Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions, let me extend to you our sincere appreciation for contributing to the successful conclusion of the 1MSP held in Vientiane, 9-12 November 2010. The Convention continues to grow and with recent ratifications, 56 States are now Parties to the Convention.

You will recall that States Parties to the Convention decided to meet again informally in advance of the 2MSP scheduled for September in Beirut, Lebanon to discuss and gain clarity on progress in implementing the Convention in time for the Second Meeting of States Parties. Further to this, we welcome your contributions to the development of the Beirut Progress Report and encourage an active collaboration with the Friends of the President, States who have volunteered and which I have entrusted with the coordination of work under the various thematic areas of the Beirut Progress Report. To that end, I have the pleasure to extend to you our invitation to the Intersessional meeting on the CCM, **27-30 June 2011 in Geneva**, and I also wish to invite a representative of States Parties, Signatory States and Interested Organizations to take part in discussion on Clearance of cluster munitions remnants during the intersessional meeting under the convention in order to contribute to the development of the Beirut Progress Report (BPR).

The meeting, which is being organized with support from UNDP assisted by the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining, **will take place in the World Meteorological Organization** building. Registration will open on 9 May and can be done on the following website: www.ccm-registration.org. Further information will also be available at the CCM website www.clusterconvention.org

Your participation would greatly contribute to the overall success of this meeting and reflect the continued support of your country to the global effort in putting an end to the unacceptable harm caused by cluster munitions.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration, 

Yours Sincerely



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The States Parties to CCM
The CCM signatory States and observer States,
and other interested organizations

Geneva