



Republic of Lebanon

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and emigrants

UNIVERSALISATION EFFORTS

Lebanon likes to congratulate the Lao presidency and Japan, the friend of the President on Universalisation, for their efforts to promote universal adherence to the CCM, and would like to congratulate other states parties who are promoting the Universalisation of the Convention, it shows their real commitment.

Universalization is an obligation on all States parties, but the fact that Lebanon is an affected country added another reason for Lebanon to promote the universal adherence to the CCM.

As far as the Lebanese Minister of Foreign Affairs and Emigrants is concerned, I would like to highlight the following:

1. Universalization is a very high on the priority list of the Minister.
2. The Minister is seizing every opportunity to promote the CCM, that's why, this issue is more or less present in all his meetings. Lately, and for example during a visit to the Arab Gulf, he met with his counterparts from United Arab Emirates, Kuwait and Bahrain in Dubai (APRIL2011),
3. An official demarche was done with the Secretary General of the Arab League to ask all Arab countries to attend the 2MSP, and to join the Convention.
4. Lebanon continues to encourage Arab countries in particular to join the Convention, in fact our Minister of Foreign Affairs and Emigrants currently present in Geneva is scheduled to meet tomorrow Tuesday June 28, with the Permanent Representatives of the Arab Countries in Geneva to encourage their respective countries to participate in the 2MSP in Beirut and to accede to the Convention.

The Lebanese Delegation to the meeting of the Non-Aligned Movement that was held in Bali (May 2011), managed to insert a clause into the Final Declaration of the meeting recognizing the importance of the CCM and its humanitarian pillars.

Lebanon together with Japan, the Friend of The President on Universalisation, have agreed to send out a joint letter, on behalf of States Parties to the CCM, to all states non-parties encouraging them to:

1. Reconsider their position vis-à-vis the CCM and to accede to the Convention,

2. The readiness to assist states non-parties to tackle the challenges hindering their accession,
3. To invite them to attend the 2MSP as Observers.

Finally, I would like to say that Lebanon signed and ratified the CCM and it entered into force on the 1st of May 2011, we used the occasion to call on all countries to join the Convention and to stop the use of Cluster Munitions.

Thank you.