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**Explanation of Vote on Resolution L. 49 / Rev.1 "Implementation of the
Convention of Cluster Munitions"**

Austria

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Mr Chairman,

As a long-standing supporter and promoter of the CCM, Austria has voted in favour of draft resolution L. 49 "implementation of the CCM". While Austria would have liked to co-sponsor the resolution, I take the floor in order to emphasise that States Parties to the CCM, in the political declaration adopted at the recent first review conference of the convention, have strongly condemned any use of cluster munitions by any actor. This is an expression of a central element of the convention's spirit indispensable for its effective implementation. We would have therefore liked to see this reflected in the text of the resolution.

Thank You

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