

ACCRA REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE UNIVERSALIZATION

OF THE CONVENTION ON CLUSTER MUNITIONS

PRESENTATION BY REPRESENTATIVE

OF THE KINGDOM OF SWAZILAND

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THANKYOU CHAIR,

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS,

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

AS IT IS FOR THE FIRST TIME FOR SWAZILAND TO TAKE THE FLOOR, MAY I JOIN THE OTHER MEMBER STATES TO THE CONVENTION ON CLUSTER MUNITIONS TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE ON BEHALF OF THE DELEGATION FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF SWAZILAND, TO THE GOVERNMENT OF REPUBLIC OF GHANA FOR HOSTING THESE IMPORTANT MEETING ON THE CONVENTION AND THE ORGANIZERS OF THESE MEETING AS WELL AS THE FUNDERS.

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CHAIR , ONE COULD NOT FORGERT THE HOSPITALITY OF THE PEOPLE OF GHANA IN THESE BEAUTIFUL ARICAN CONTINENT , SWAZILAND BELIEVES THE SUCCESS OF THESE AUGUST DELIBERATIONS LIES ON YOUR ABLE LEADERSHIP,

CHAIR, BACK TO THE AGENDA TOPIC, THOSE WHO WERE PRESENT IN LEBANON, BEIRUT DURING THE 2MSP CONVENTION IN SEPT 2011 WILL RECALL THAT SWAZILAND DEPOSITED HER INSTRUMENT OF ACCESSION TO THE CONVENTION, WHICH CAME INTO FORCE IN MARCH 2012, HOW EVER SWAZILAND IS PENDING RETIFICATION OF THE CONVENTION, WHICH WILL BE DONE VERY SOON AND BE FOWARDED TO THE RELAVENT OFFICE, ON THAT VEIN THOUGH SWAZILAND HAS NOT BEEN AFFECTED BY THESE WEAPONS WHICH SHE REGARDS AS WPNS OF MASS DESTRUCTION AND IS NOT A STOCKPILER, FURTHER WILL NEVER USE IT, IS JOINING OTHER MEMBER STATE PATIES TO THE CONVENTION TO ENCOURAGE THOSE STATES PARTIES WHO HAS NOT, TO TAKE ACTION ON THIS IMPORTANT REQUIREMENT OF AFRICA AND THE REST OF THE WORLD, TO EITHER RETIFY, ACCEDE OR SIGN THE CONVETION.

THANKYOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

GOD BLESS.