

**STATEMENT BY ZAMBIA DURING THE FIRST PREPARATORY MEETING TOWARDS THE
FIRST REVIEW CONFERENCE OF THE CONVENTION ON CLUSTER MUNITIONS HELD IN
GENEVA ON 5TH FEBRUARY, 2015**

Thank you Chair for the floor,

On behalf of the Zambian government and indeed on my own behalf I wish to commend Costa Rica and Croatia for calling for this meeting and the manner in which you are handling the proceedings. You can be assured of Zambia's support as you endeavour to move the process forward towards the first review Conference.

I also wish to commend Coordinators for their unwavering dedication in preparing the draft documents in as far as review of the Vientiane Action Plan is concerned. My delegation welcomes the draft and looks forward to recommendations that will deal with the remaining challenges. We consider this as another mile stone in evaluating the progress made in implementation of the Convention.

Madam Chairperson,

Taking into account the momentum generated over the last five year (5) period and the progress made, Zambia would like to see this maintained through a number of activities including increased partnerships and cooperation.

With regard to use of cluster munitions, Zambia calls for, combined efforts to ensure that outreach activities are increased so that full universalisation is achieved as that would further stigmatise the use of such weapons.

In concluding, Madam Chair, I wish to reiterate my delegation's expectations of the process that would lead to a more focused Action Plan, which would give tangible progress results, following the First Review Conference.

I thank you for your attention