

CLUSTER MUNITION COALITION

Agenda item #7 – Exchange of views on a political declaration to be adopted at the First Review Conference

We thank all those who have worked on this very good text that serves as a basis for comments, and we are also grateful for the opportunity to comment.

We have sent written comments to the Presidency and I am happy to share a copy of them upon request. I would like to highlight our main suggestions.

It would be good if the Declaration took specific note of the contribution and participation of cluster munition survivors in the work of the Convention. This could be done under “key messages”, in the second bullet point.

Under the “remaining challenges”, we suggest having a separate section on Cooperation and Assistance, which is a different topic from the traditional partnerships with UN Agencies, the ICRC and NGOs. The separate section on Cooperation and Assistance could encourage all states in a position to do so to work closely with affected states, on the articulation and fulfillment of needs.

Under the “commitments”, we recommend adding a commitment to encourage all states outside the Convention to join quickly and to refrain from any future use of cluster munitions.

Thank you.