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**SPEECH FOR 9TH MEETING OF STATES PARTIES FOR
CONVENTIONAL CLUSTER MUNITIONS OF
REPRESENTATIVE OF BANGLADESH**

1. Mr President of the Ninth Meeting of State Parties, His Excellency Ambassador Aliyar Lebbe Abdul Azeez and esteemed dignitaries coming from respective countries around the world, a very Good morning to all of you.

2. I would like to express my heartiest gratitude to the organizer of this noble forum for arranging the consecutive 9th Meeting of State Parties Associated with the Convention on Cluster Munitions. The remarkable effort is meant to create a positive impact towards promoting peaceful existence within secured environment, specially for the innocent civilians, who are never actually a part of any conflict or military engagement. By now, we all are well aware of the detrimental effects in relation to undesirable or indiscriminate usage of these types of Munitions. Very often, we may find the devastating effects of these notorious bomblets on unprotected civil population within numerous conflict torn territories around the globe. Cluster munitions or Cluster bombs release many small bomblets over a wider area posing tremendous collateral damage to civilians and long lasting effect – both during attacks and afterwards.

3. Unexploded bomblets can kill or maim civilians long after a conflict has ended, and almost equally costly to locate as well as remove. Very often it is found that, belligerents are reluctant in fulfilling their moral responsibility of restricting broad spectrum usage of cluster munitions. Thereby, the Inherent risk of losing

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unnecessary civilian lives or inflicting irreversible physical damages due to these munitions seem to be extremely high. The inherent risk of losing unnecessary civilian lives or inflicting irreversible physical damages due to these munitions seem to be extremely high.

3. Under this backdrop, to my understanding, this dedicated international Forum supported by Organizations like the United Nations, International Committee of the Red Cross along with the cluster Munitions Coalition is on to the correct path for achieving sustainable goal in the near future. I am sanguine that someday, the world leaders will unilaterally agree to bring about significant changes in their positions regarding the restrictive or zero usage instance of cluster munitions during armed engagements.

4. Bangladesh, as an aspiring Nation, has already established its commitment and credibility in promoting global peace. Being a relatively small country Bangladesh has already established a bigger footprint in the international arena for the noble cause of peace around the globe. Bangladesh has been among the top troops contributors to the United Nations Peace keeping operations for almost three decades. Bangladesh has never hesitated to move along the moral path that ensures secured and peaceful environment through protecting vulnerable civil populations among internationally recognized conflict area around the world. Accordingly, we also feel the necessity to bring about an unanimous solution to this global issue in connection to usage of Cluster Munitions. That's why Bangladesh does not stockpiles, produce, export or possess such a deadly weapon i.e cluster munitions. Mentioned that Bangladesh is acceded state party to the Mine Ban treaty. Bangladesh also actively consider signing the banning treaty of cluster munitions following

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required protocol in due course of time. As such Bangladesh will continue its support for the noble cause of this Convention on Cluster Munitions in Principle.

6. At the end, I would like to reiterate our sincere regards for this noble effort in order to creating safer environments for innocent civil population, especially, living within disputed or conflict ridden territories around the globe. We are looking forward, with a positive mind, for the succesful Implementation of the relevent instruments associated with this Convention in the future days to come.

Thank You Mr President and Thank you all

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