

**An Intervention for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Preparatory Meeting of  
the Second Review Conference of the CCM  
4<sup>th</sup> September 2020, Palais des Nations**

**On item 5 (c) Elements for a Political Declaration – Ten years of protecting lives, ten years towards completion:**

Mr. President,

I would like to commend you and your team for providing us the elements for a Political Declaration.

The Lao PDR welcomes the proposed elements of this Political Declaration. The Political Declaration of the Second Review Conference which demonstrates the overall achievement since the First Review conference and while highlighting challenges, reiterates our commitments to work harder to strengthen our partnership in achieving CCM objectives in the years to come.

As the first country which adopted a National Sustainable Development Goals on UXO/Mine Action entitled SDG 18 “Lives safe from UXO”, we are pleased to see the acknowledgement of strong correlation between the CCM and SDGs. This has reflected our national ownership on implementing the CCM and international development agenda comprehensively.

In regard to the PP 9, we agree with the proposed elements on expressing our concern of cluster munition use and their significant humanitarian impact, while urging all States that have not signed and ratified the CCM to do so and support our common objective of achieving of World free of Cluster Munition by 2030 to the greatest extent possible.

We look forward to supporting you and working with all Parties on the preparation for the Second Review Conference.

I thank you.