Mr. President,

We wish to explain how Canada’s Weapons Threat Reduction Program enables institutional support to international agreements dealing with conventional weapons, such as the Convention on Cluster Munitions. This program aims to promote the universalization of legal instruments and revitalize the rules-based international order.

Canada’s multi-year support includes contributions of:

- $371,000 to the Implementation Support Units of the Convention on Cluster Munitions and the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention;
- $2.3 million to the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining and the Gender and Mine Action Programme that support International Mine Action Standards and Strategies and gender capacity development to mine action stakeholders; and
- $1.2 million to the International Campaign to Ban Landmines Cluster Munition Coalition.

In addition to these ongoing commitments, Canada recently signed an agreement with the Mines Advisory Group, including a contribution of 85,000 $ to assist Cambodia in fulfilling its obligation under the Ottawa Convention.

Thank you.