

**Second Review Conference of States Parties to the
Convention on Cluster Munitions
Second Part
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Reaffirming the determination to put an end to the suffering caused by CM
(Monday, 20 September 2021)
Intervention by the Bulgarian delegation**

Mr. President,

Since this is the first time my delegation is taking the floor, allow me to congratulate you on the assumption of your duties and to wish you success in your endeavors. I can assure you in my delegation's full support.

The Republic of Bulgaria aligns itself with the statement delivered earlier today on behalf of the member states of the European Union.

We would like to deliver several short remarks on our own behalf.

The Lausanne Political Declaration, the Lausanne Action Plan, the Review Document of the Dubrovnik Action Plan and the Final Document to be discussed and to be adopted by us tomorrow will definitely provide for setting up another benchmark in our work by elevating it to a significantly higher level of commitment and much better coordination when providing assistance for victims and affected states.

Thus, we are convinced that the Second Part of our Second Review Conference will turn into a milestone for our shared endeavor towards reaching the goal of a world free of cluster munitions.

We thank the Swiss Presidency for its efforts to discuss and to elaborate in advance on the final documents of our Second Review Conference and hope for a smooth adoption and constructive discussion on the elements put for decision.

We would have very much welcomed, if related drafts of the final documents were presented well ahead of the beginning of the 2nd Part, thus allowing for enough time for consideration in capitals, deliberation and preparation for a related agreement on the decisions put for adoption in the Draft Final Report.

Mr. President,

Being one of the countries, which submitted an Article 3 Extension request we are happy to report that despite initial difficulties and Covid-19 related obstacles, the Republic of Bulgaria continues

to be on a good track to have its cluster munitions' stockpiles destroyed in compliance with the deadline envisaged in paragraph 29 of the Draft Final Report.

A detailed update on the current state of affairs has been prepared for presentation in the course of today or tomorrow, but due to time constraints, the same information contained in a slightly modified paper will be submitted to the ISU by the end of this week with the request to be published on the CCM ISU website.

It is also a particular pleasure for my delegation to note, Mr. President that if the Draft Final Report is adopted as suggested by you, the Republic of Bulgaria would be part of the Coordination Committee with responsibilities related to the implementation of and compliance with Article 3 of our Convention.

Last but not least, Mr. President, the Bulgarian delegation would like to thank the ISU team and its director, Mrs. Sheila Mweemba, as well as the Analysis Group and the CCM Secretariat team, for their highly professional work, devotion, commitment and resilience which made the conduct of this 2nd Part possible.

Having said this, Mr. President, we wish you all the success you need for reaching the best possible outcome of our work during the Second Part of our Second Review Conference.

I thank you for your attention,

Geneva, 20 September 2021