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26th March, 2014

Your Excellency and Dear Colleague,

It is with great pleasure that Zambia has received the news of Denmark's completion of its obligation under article 3 of the Convention on 20th March, 2014, well ahead of the deadline. Denmark becomes the 18th States Party to the Convention on Cluster Munitions to complete the process of destroying its national stockpile of cluster munitions.

It is in this regard that in my capacity as President of the 4MSP, wish to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Denmark, on behalf of the Republic of Zambia, all States Parties, Signatory States and friends of the Convention.

Your country's completion of this exercise, 4 years ahead of schedule shows Denmark's commitment to the Convention on Cluster Munitions. I am confident that Denmark will use her influence in Europe and other regions to encourage other countries to complete their obligations under article 3 of the Convention timely.

It is our sincere hope that other countries that have obligations under article 3 of the Convention will be encouraged by your commitment and meet their obligations sooner than later for the benefit of humanity.

Please accept Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Harry Kalaba'.

Harry Kalaba, MP.

Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Zambia

PRESIDENT OF THE CONVENTION ON CLUSTER MUNITIONS

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