



Kingdom of the Netherlands

**Statement of the Kingdom of the Netherlands**

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Mr. President,

Transparency reporting is one of the essential tools that enables States Parties to monitor the implementation of obligations under the Convention and the actions of the Lausanne Action Plan. Transparency, trust and mutual collaboration are crucial elements for achieving our shared goals and the successful eradication of cluster munitions. The Netherlands is concerned that still more than half of the States Parties do not submit their transparency reports annually. Some States Parties have even never submitted their initial report upon entry into force of the convention for their State.

The Netherlands would like to stress that all States Parties should adhere to the obligation under Article 7 of the Convention and submit their initial and yearly reports in due time. Moreover, the Article 7 reports provide important information and input to the work of the thematic coordinators, the Presidency, and Implementation Support Unit. Thereby, contributing to the successful implementation of the Convention and the Lausanne Action Plan.

As laid down in the Lausanne Action plan, Transparency and the open exchange of information are essential to achieving the Convention's aims. We hope that every State Party will endeavor to work towards that end. Furthermore, we encourage the coordinator, Implementation Support Unit and future President to think of innovative ways of increasing the reporting rate under the convention.

Thank you, Mr. President.