

Eleventh Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions

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Statement by Denmark in the General Debate

Mr President,

Let me start by congratulating you, your Excellency, Ambassador Abdul-Karim HASHIM MOSTAFA, on assuming your role as President of the Eleventh Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions. I can assure you of the full support of the Danish delegation.

We also congratulate Ms. Pamela Moraga on her appointment as the new CCM ISU Director. We commend the staff of the ISU and all others involved in preparing this meeting for their tireless efforts.

Denmark stands fully by the statement delivered by the European Union, and I would like to make a few additional remarks in a national capacity.

Mr President,

This year we commemorate the 15th anniversary of the adoption of the CCM. We value the positive developments in the implementation of the Convention by the states parties.

Denmark stands fully behind and strongly supports the important humanitarian goals of this treaty. The Convention contributes substantially to ending the suffering of civilians affected by cluster munitions and to advancing the Sustainable Developments Goals as well as the core objectives of human security, promoting peace and international security.

Mr President, The treaty with its noble goals remains as important as ever.

Denmark is deeply concerned about reports of the use of cluster munitions in different parts of the world. As a state party to the convention, Denmark stands by our commitments. We discourage all States not party to the Convention from using cluster munitions. The Convention makes it clear that Each State Party undertakes not to assist or encourage anyone to any activity prohibited under the Convention.

Mr. President, as many others we are appalled by the credible reports of the use of cluster munitions by Russia affecting the civilian population in Ukraine. Denmark strongly condemns Russia's unjustifiable, unprovoked and illegal war of aggression against Ukraine. We call on Russia to immediately cease its illegal use of force against Ukraine, and to immediately, completely and unconditionally withdraw all its troops and military equipment from the entire territory of Ukraine within its internationally recognised borders.

Mr President,

Let me finally assure you again of Denmark's full support during the course of this conference.

I thank you Mr. President.