



**STATEMENT TO BE DELIVERED BY MALAWI DURING THE GENERAL  
DEBATE AT THE ELEVENTH MEETING OF STATES PARTIES TO  
CONVENTION ON CLUSTER MUNITIONS**

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GENEVA, SWITZERLAND**

**Mr. President**

Thank you for giving my delegation the floor.

Let me at the outset, congratulate you, on your hard work and commitment in the preparation for this meeting. I also would like to congratulate Ms. Pamela Moraga on her appointment as the ISU Director. Please be assured of Malawi's support in your work.

**Mr. President**

Malawi aligns its statement to the one submitted by Nigeria on behalf of the African Group.

**Mr. President**

This Meeting is taking place amidst disturbing reports of transfer and use of cluster munitions by states not party to the Convention. Considering the amount of damage, the use of cluster munitions causes to humanity, and its negative impact on development, my delegation is concerned. Malawi therefore strongly condemns such behavior. It is important to remember and consider the human suffering that comes with the use of such weapons. Therefore, member states need to come up with a unified voice to condemn such acts.

**Mr. President**

My delegation continues to call for States not party to join the Convention. On this note, We would like to welcome Nigeria and South Sudan to the Convention. Your ratification demonstrates the commitment to international peace and security and the humanitarian cause.

**Mr. President**

Let me conclude by reiterating my country's commitment to the Convention. Malawi as coordinator of universalization is looking forward to working with all member states and civil society's in the efforts to bring more states on board.

**Thank you Mr. President.**