



Kingdom of the Netherlands

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Mr. President,

First of all, we want to thank Gambia for their work as a coordinator. We can express our support to the new reporting template.

As The Netherlands, we wish to underline that it is essential that States Parties report about their progress in implementing the Convention. For us, it is way more than just an obligation under the Convention. It is a key action for increasing mutual trust among States Parties, and to keep each other accountable. Only when States Parties are transparent about their implementation of the obligations under the Convention and the actions of the Lausanne Action Plan, we are able to monitor where we stand and to determine if additional actions are needed.

If we want to reach our shared goals and the successful eradication of cluster munitions, we are convinced that we can only do it with transparency, trust and mutual collaboration. Therefore, the Netherlands is concerned that still too many States Parties do not submit their transparency reports every year. The Netherlands hopes that all States Parties will adhere to their obligation under Article 7 of the Convention and submit their initial and yearly reports in due time. Only by doing this, States Parties provide the information that is needed for the work of the Presidency, the thematic coordinators, and the Implementation Support Unit.

Even though this should be the common endeavor of all States Parties, we particularly encourage the future President, the coordinators and the Implementation Support Unit to show their creativity in order to increase the number of countries reporting about the implementation of the Convention.

Thank you, Mr. President.