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Item 10 (h) of the Provisional Agenda:

National implementation measures

Mrs. Chairman,

Distinguished delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen

It is a pleasure for me to take the floor again today on behalf of the government of Cameroon.

Turning to the item on the agenda, even though my country is neither a producer, user, stockpiler nor stakeholder in the transfer of cluster munitions, it is no less concerned by the implementation of the Convention.

Committed to the humanitarian goals underlying the Oslo Convention, Cameroon adopted Law N° 2016/015 of 14 December 2016 on the General Regime of Weapons and Ammunitions in Cameroon, with its Chapter IV, being articles 34 to 38, consecrated to Cluster Munitions. This law regulates the manufacturing, importation, exportation, transfer, acquisition, disposal, traceability, detention and carrying of arms and ammunitions. It also includes penal sanctions as required by the Convention on Cluster Munitions.

Article 34 of the aforementioned Cameroonian Law states: "The development, acquisition, use, stockpiling, retention, marketing and transfer of cluster munitions are prohibited". The provisions of this Law reflect my country's commitment to the eradication of these weapons, which kill, maim and traumatize civilian populations who come in contact with them.

I thank you for your kind attention.