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Cameroon's Presentation at the 12th Meeting of State Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions.

Item 10 (e) of the Provisional Agenda: International cooperation and assistance

Mrs. Chairman,

Distinguished delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

At the outset of my presentation, please allow me to recall the importance of assistance and international cooperation to the full implementation of the Oslo Convention

In accordance with article 3.6 of the Convention of Cluster Munitions, Article 35 paragraph 1 (a) of Cameroon Law N° 2016/015 of 14 December 2016 states that “notwithstanding the provisions of article 34, the following are authorized, the retention or acquisition of a limited number of cluster munitions and explosive submunitions for development and training in cluster munition and explosive submunition detection, clearance or destruction techniques, or for the development of cluster munition countermeasures”.

To this effect, and considering that the Cameroonian security forces might be called to serve in peacekeeping missions where cluster munitions might have been used, the Cameroonian army has retained a limited amount of cluster munitions for training purposes.

Cameroon therefore requests the assistance of international partners to train the Cameroonian military in the detection and clearance of cluster munitions.

Finally, my country calls for active solidarity with countries affected by cluster munitions, as well as with those wishing to acquire expertise in the fields of detection, clearance and decontamination.

Thank you for your attention.