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Madame President,

I would like to take this opportunity to highlight the efforts made by the Philippines in the agenda of universalization of the Convention on Cluster Munitions. While the Philippines neither used nor kept a stockpile of cluster munitions, the Philippines is committed to the universalization of the Convention. My delegation underscores that in 2019, the Philippines, in partnership with the ISU, held a universalization workshop in Manila for participants from Southeast Asia and Pacific Island states which are not States Parties to the CCM. In 2020, we also held an outreach for ASEAN Member States through a webinar with ASEAN defense and military officials.

Next year, we hope to hold another regional conference to promote the norms of the Convention and pursue its universalization. We look forward to the support of fellow States Parties as well as of the CCM in this endeavor.

Thank you, Madame President.



