



Kingdom of the Netherlands

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Madam President,

First of all my delegation would like to thank Belgium and Germany, the gender focal points of the Convention, for giving us an update on the progress on the implementation of gender and diversity in the work of the Convention.

The Lausanne Action Plan gives clear guidance and identifies five gender and diversity related actions: in **actions #4, #23, # 28, #29 and #31**.

Madam President,

My delegation welcomes the UNIDIR Working Paper entitled: “Taking Stock of gender, diversity and inclusion in the Convention of Cluster Munitions: A mid-point review of the implementation of the Lausanne Action Plan”, which has been submitted by a cross-regional

group of States Parties, including my own country the Kingdom of the Netherlands. The working paper elaborates why gender matters in the implementation of the Convention on Cluster Munitions. Furthermore it gives a comprehensive overview of the implementation of actions related to gender, diversity and inclusion, and gives clear recommendations how to improve our collective work to strengthen our future work in this respect.

As mentioned in our general statement, my delegation fully supports the UNIDIR Working paper as well as the Joint cross-regional statement prepared by Germany.

As a gender focal point of the Victim Assistance Committee of APMBC, the Netherlands is committed to strengthen our collective efforts and to work towards synergies between CCM and other humanitarian disarmament treaties and commitments.

Together we can place the implementation of the Women, Peace and Security Agenda at the heart of global peace and security, including the New Agenda for Peace, and to make gender equality, diversity and inclusion a reality.

Thank you, Madame President.