

### **Agenda Item 3(a): Universalisation**

President

Allow me to thank you Ambassador Sorreta on your leadership for this Intersessional meeting as President of the Thirteenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions. I assure you of our delegation's full support throughout your term. I also want to thank the coordinators for their continued work to promote the universalisation of the Convention.

President

The Convention on Cluster Munitions is an important mechanism for the protection of all civilians. As we know, by nature and design, cluster munitions are indiscriminate and imprecise and they may result in serious breaches of IHL and cause harms long after conflicts have ended. For this reason, Ireland remains committed to the CCM, its goals and its universalisation. We thank the ISU for their important work and assistance they offer to future prospective States Party to the CCM. Ireland is proud to have made voluntary contributions to the ISU and also the almost half a million euros in 2024 for clearing cluster munition remnants.

President

At this time, we must strengthen our resolve and commitment to universalisation. In line with Action #11 of the Lausanne Action Plan, Ireland

will continue to engage in dialogue to promote the norm against the use of cluster munitions. We should not lose sight of the normative power of the Convention. We must continue to build upon gains made through outreach and dialogue with States who are not party to the Convention seeking their partnership in delivering a better future for those living in areas affected by the use of cluster munitions and their remnants.

President,

We look forward to continuing to collaborate with States Parties, civil society and other stakeholders, while reaffirming and renewing our efforts in its implementation and universalization.

Thank you