



FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

NIGERIA'S STATEMENT

AT THE

**13TH MEETING OF STATE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON CLUSTER
MUNITIONS**

from

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**Geneva,
Switzerland**

Mr, President,
Thank you for the floor.

On behalf of the Federal Government and good people of Nigeria, I congratulate you, His Excellency, **Ambassador Carlos D. Sorreta**, on your assumption of the role of Presidency of the Thirteenth Meeting of State Parties (13 MSP) to the Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM). The delegation of Nigeria wishes to assure you of its full support. Similarly, the delegation of Nigeria extends its warm appreciation to the Implementation Support Unit for the hard work and exertions to the build-up of this Meeting.

Mr. President

Nigeria's deep concerns and unalloyed commitment to rid the world of the use, production, transfer, and stockpiling of cluster munitions, was reasonably demonstrated by her signing of the Convention on 12th June, 2009. In furtherance of this commitment, Nigeria ratified the Convention on 28th February, 2023 making her the 111th State Party to the Convention. On this note, I use this opportunity to reiterate my country's full commitment to domesticate this convention accordingly.

Mr. President,

Presently, Nigeria has established an expenditure line for domesticating and implementing the Convention in her annual Appropriation amidst global recession and the competitive needs of the country. This milestone is the result of efforts that commenced sequel to the ratification of the Convention. Notwithstanding this achievement, I wish to point out that Nigeria still needs technical assistance and international cooperation in domesticating the Convention. Nigeria is up to date with her reporting obligation as enshrined in Article 7 of the Convention. Also, it worth noting that having ratified the convention, Nigeria shares the view that Articles 8 and 10 of the convention, are okay for compliance.

Mr. President,

I want to re-emphasize the importance of the universalization of the Convention, as a major pathway to globally getting rid of the scourge of cluster munitions. In relation to this concern, Nigeria, through its various activities, has remained engaged on the universalization of the Convention, particularly in promoting effective sensitization activities to ensure awareness of the threats posed by these deadly weapons and the need for their eradication globally. To this end, Nigeria co-hosted the Regional Workshop on the Universalization of the CCM in Abuja together with the governments of the United Kingdom and Switzerland in Nigeria in March, 2022. We therefore urge States that are not yet party to the Convention to consider signing and ratifying it without further delay.

Mr. President,

Nigeria wishes to underscore the importance of assessing domestic needs and the development of national policies in the areas of Victim assistance. To this end, I want to use this opportunity to thank Panama for a brilliant coordination and reporting. On our path, Nigeria seeks to regularly engage in consultations, in line with established principles, to develop a National Action Plan as we work assiduously to incorporate relevant guidelines and good practices on these two key areas. Nigeria will therefore need international cooperation to enable her domesticate the Convention in line with international best practices.

In conclusion, Mr. President,

6. Nigeria wishes to underscore the importance of cooperation in confronting the humanitarian consequences and unacceptable harm caused to civilians by cluster munitions. On this note, it is important to stress that all outcomes at this meeting should reflect the interests of vulnerable people, especially, women and children. Nigeria will continue to work closely with international partners in consolidating the gains made in sustaining peace and development by supporting the ideals of the CCM.

I thank you for your attention.