



NATIONAL STATEMENT BY THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA DURING THE 13TH MEETING OF STATES PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON CLUSTER MUNITIONS

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GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

Thank you, Mr President

Namibia aligns itself with the statement delivered by the Republic of South Africa on behalf of the Africa Group.

Allow me, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Namibia, to congratulate Your Excellency Mr Carlos Sorreta, on your election as President of the 13th Meeting of States Parties to the CCM. We further commend your team and the Implementation Support Unit for their valuable work in preparing for this session.

Namibia joins other delegations in welcoming Vanuatu as the 112th State Party to the Convention. This marks a significant milestone and a strong indication of multilateralism and a shared humanitarian commitment to the end of the suffering caused by cluster munitions.

Africa has been at the forefront of humanitarian disarmament yet the humanitarian impact is ongoing. We therefore urge our brothers and sisters on the continent, and beyond, to ratify and accede to this important humanitarian treaty.

Namibia emphasizes the importance of national ownership in fulfilling the treaty obligations, therefore, as a country we are committed to integrating the convention commitments into our national development plans. The Convention on Cluster Munitions came into force in our country on 1st February 2019. At national level, our Government is currently engaging in national consultations for the repealing or amendment of our Explosives Act. In terms of Article 144 of the Namibian Constitution the general rules of public international law and international agreements, such as the CCM, are automatically binding upon our citizens and do not require the promulgation of domestic statutes to be adjudicated in Namibian courts.

Though Namibia does not use; acquire; stockpile; retain; or trade cluster munitions; nor are we affected by them; it is noteworthy to mention that our Ministry of Defence is currently conducting a border verification and clearance operation. This exercise includes sweeping for

any unexploded ordinances. Should any cluster munitions be discovered during this exercise we commit to include the findings in our annual reporting.

Namibia joins the Africa Group in calling for enhanced financing to enable other African states to fulfill their obligations of the Convention. We do, however, note the financial strain on the Implementation Support Unit (ISU) and encourage States Parties, that are able to assist financially, to ensure the Convention's resilience in order for the assistance to continue to flow to States most in need, particularly in Africa.

In conclusion, please be assured of our delegations support throughout this meeting and we look forward to fruitful deliberations with tangible outcomes.

I thank you.