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## **13<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF STATES PARTIES OF THE CONVENTION ON CLUSTER MUNITIONS**

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**Statement by Germany during Item 10 (f) *International Cooperation and Assistance***

Mister President,

Germany reaffirms its steadfast commitment to achieving a world free of cluster munitions through collaborative partnerships that honor the leadership of affected states. As a longstanding partner in humanitarian mine action, with over 70 million euros allocated in 2024 for clearance, victim assistance, and explosive ordnance disposal, Germany's approach seeks to complement and strengthen the valuable efforts already undertaken by affected States Parties. We have been active across the globe, partnering with humanitarian organizations to enable the clearance of cluster munition, landmines and other unexploded ordnance in projects spanning from Laos to Iraq and Afghanistan, to name but a few.

We deeply respect that affected states are best positioned to understand their own contexts, priorities, and capabilities.

Germany's partnership experience with affected states worldwide has reinforced our appreciation for the Lausanne Action Plan's emphasis on national ownership, as articulated in Actions 38 and 41.

Through our collaborative experiences, affected states have generously shared insights into key areas where international support can be most valuable – these range from ensuring access to the contaminated areas, facilitating the coordination of the demining efforts by the relevant humanitarian stakeholders as well as supporting the adaptation of International Mine Action Standards (IMAS) to national contexts.

We also appreciate the importance of sustainable information management systems that serve national needs while enabling effective monitoring - an area where many states have demonstrated innovative approaches.

We recognize that achieving our common goal requires the combined efforts and expertise of all stakeholders - affected states, donor countries, implementing organizations, and civil

society partners. Germany remains committed to exploring innovative ways to support the aspirations of affected states while contributing to the collective resources needed to address this global challenge – even in the increasingly difficult budgetary circumstances.

We deeply appreciate the leadership shown by affected States Parties in pursuing their obligations under the Convention, often under challenging circumstances.

The path toward a cluster munition-free world is one we walk together, with each partner contributing their unique strengths and perspectives to this life-saving humanitarian mission.

Thank you, Mister President.