

**Your excellency Ambassador Carlos Sorreta ,**

**Allow me first to extend my sincere congratulation for you and the republic of Philippine on assuming the presidency of the 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of state parties to the CCM and allow me to thank the coordinators Italy and France on their efforts.**

**Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen,**

Lebanon was looking forward towards a country free from the threat of sub munitions in the near future, unfortunately, the recent war led to the contamination of new areas, and the recontamination of previously cleared areas, putting a significant challenge ahead of us.

Lebanon has placed significant focus on Non-Technical Survey and rubble survey to refine the contamination picture and support safe return for IDPs.

Lebanon survey teams are engaging directly with local communities and applying national standards to assess hazardous areas and rubble sites.

Nevertheless, certain locations remain unreached due to ongoing security restrictions. These areas will be prioritized as soon as access is possible, ensuring that no contamination is left unrecorded.

Current analysis indicates that around 2 million sqm of hazardous areas were newly recorded, following the NTS process, 30% of these new areas are contaminated with cluster munition kicked out from destroyed storages belonging to non-state groups.

LMAC priorities has shifted at the end of the war to enable a safe return for displaced people, then around 50 % of the currently known new contamination was cleared so far, where around 2400 cluster munition were destroyed by the Lebanese armed forces and the organizations working under LMAC supervision.

**Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen,**

Lebanon reaffirms its commitment to compliance with the Convention, and emphasizes that cooperation and solidarity among us can achieve safe return, restore livelihoods and enable reconstruction.

Thank you