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Political Declaration

STATEMENT BY THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

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Mister President,

The UK would like to offer some brief reflections on the elements for the Political Declaration.

First, we would like to underline the importance of the Political Declaration remaining a high-level, concise document, avoiding duplication with content already covered in the Review Document and Action Plan.

Regarding point nine on recent and ongoing use of cluster munitions, we would encourage careful consideration of language to ensure that any agreed formulations are appropriately grounded in the objectives and provisions of the Convention, and reflect established approaches agreed by States Parties.

More broadly, it will be important to ensure that the Declaration maintains clarity and coherence, both in its structure and balance of its messaging. In this regard, further reflection may be required on the sequencing of the text, including how to best highlight key enablers of implementation, such as national ownership and sustainable resourcing.

Thank you.