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TO THE

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STATEMENT BY THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
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CLUSTER MUNITIONS

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Exchange of Views

Mr. President,

Nigeria warmly congratulates you on your assumption of the Presidency of the Third Review Conference and assures you of our full support. We also express our sincere appreciation to the Government and people of the Lao People's Democratic Republic for their warm hospitality and excellent arrangements for this Conference. Yesterday's field visit to Luang Prabang Province offered a compelling reminder of why we are gathered here. Witnessing first-hand the continuing work of survey, clearance and risk education underscored the enduring humanitarian consequences of unexploded ordnance and the burden they continue to impose on affected communities.

Nigeria commends the Implementation Support Unit, the United Nations, the ICRC, civil societies and all partners whose efforts continue to advance the objectives of the Convention.

Mr. President,

Nigeria participates in this Review Conference with a firm commitment to the humanitarian objectives of the Convention and to ending, for all time, the suffering and casualties caused by cluster munitions.

As one of the States that have joined the Convention since the Second Review Conference, Nigeria is particularly pleased to participate in this important gathering as a State Party. Our accession reflects our commitment to international humanitarian law, the protection of civilians and the strengthening of the global norm against cluster munitions. My delegation also appreciates the inclusion of this fact,

in the draft Political Declaration appropriately recognizing Nigeria, South Sudan and Vanuatu as the States that have joined since the last Review Conference.

Nigeria attaches particular importance to **universalization**. We encourage States not yet party to consider joining the Convention and support sustained engagement at bilateral, regional and international levels. Nigeria stands ready to contribute to these efforts, particularly within Africa.

Universalization must, however, be accompanied by effective implementation. Nigeria remains committed to fulfilling its obligations, including transparency and reporting. In this regard, we are pleased that Nigeria's transparency reporting is up to date.

We equally emphasize clearance, risk education and victim assistance. Our efforts must remain centred on affected communities and respond to the needs of women, girls, boys and men, including persons with disabilities.

Mr. President,

Nigeria attaches great importance to **international cooperation and assistance**. National ownership must remain central to implementation, complemented where necessary by technical assistance, capacity-building and predictable and sustainable support. Developing and affected States Parties should be supported in translating their commitments into practical results for affected populations.

This Review Conference also provides an opportunity to chart the future of the Convention. Nigeria welcomes the **Review Document, the Vientiane Capital Action Plan 2027–2031 and the Political Declaration** as the principal outcomes that will guide our collective efforts beyond Vientiane.

We encourage delegations to approach outstanding issues constructively and to seek formulations firmly grounded in the Convention and capable of commanding the broadest possible consensus.

Mr. President,

The experience in Luang Prabang reminds us that the consequences of cluster munitions can endure for generations. The success of this Conference should therefore be measured not only by the documents we adopt, but ultimately by the difference our decisions make in the lives of affected communities.

Nigeria stands ready to work constructively with all States Parties to strengthen implementation, advance universalization and accelerate progress towards a world free from the threat of cluster munitions.

I thank you, Mr. President.