

**Intervention of the Bangladesh Delegation at the
Third Review Conference of the States Parties to the Convention on Cluster
Munitions on 15 September 2026 in Vientiane, Lao PDR**

Mr. President,

Bangladesh congratulates you on your assumption of the Presidency of the Third Review Conference of the States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions. We thank the Government and people of Lao PDR for inviting Bangladesh as an Observer to the Review Conference.

Against the backdrop of the current geo-political disputes around the globe, Bangladesh associates itself with the humanitarian objectives of the Convention and remains deeply concerned about the indiscriminate and long-lasting consequences of cluster munitions, particularly for civilian populations.

Mr. President,

Bangladesh condemns any use of cluster munitions, irrespective of the place and perpetrators. Despite the broad international support enjoyed by the Convention, reports of the continued use of these weapons frustrate us in regular intervals. We call upon all the relevant parties/actors to exercise maximum responsibility and restraint and to uphold the humanitarian norm against cluster munitions.

It is imperative to prevent the transfer and stockpiling of cluster munitions to avert the humanitarian consequences upon their use. The international community must possess a collective interest in preventing illicit transfers and addressing the risks associated with existing stockpiles. In this regard, States not party to the Convention also have an important role to play by acting responsibly and supporting efforts that reduce the availability and distribution of these weapons.

Mr. President,

Bangladesh acknowledges the progress made in the implementation of the Convention. Greater attention can be given for implementation at the regional and sub-regional levels. Regional dialogue, exchange of experiences and practical cooperation can complement national and international efforts and help translate our shared humanitarian objectives into concrete action.

We have taken note of the *Lausanne Action Plan*, which has provided a useful framework for advancing the objectives of the Convention during the present review cycle. The lessons and good practices learned through the process should guide the States while taking further measures.

We therefore look forward to the *Vientiane Capital Action Plan*. We hope this will provide a practical and forward-looking roadmap to guide our collective efforts in advancing the objectives of the Convention.

Mr. President,

Bangladesh has consistently advocated for general and complete disarmament since its independence. Guided by this commitment as enshrined in our constitution, we will continue to support international efforts aimed at reducing the human suffering caused by indiscriminate use of weapons in the pursuit of a safer and more peaceful world for all.

I thank you.