



3RD REVIEW CONFERENCE OF THE CONVENTION ON CLUSTER MUNITIONS

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Statement by Germany during item 8 *General exchange of views*

Mister President,

Allow me first of all to thank and congratulate you, Mister President, for your dedication and leadership and for inviting us to your beautiful country. Germany would like to assure you of our full cooperation and support.

We would also like to thank the ISU for their valuable support to States Parties in fulfilling their obligations and commend the members of the working groups and coordinators for their dedicated work.

It is also with great pleasure that we would like to welcome once more Nigeria, South Sudan, and the Republic of Vanuatu, which have joined the Convention since the last review conference in 2021.

Germany fully aligns itself with the statement [to be] delivered by the European Union. Allow me to add some additional remarks in my national capacity.

Mister President,

The Convention on Cluster Munitions remains a cornerstone of the international humanitarian arms control architecture and an important element of international humanitarian law. Recent conflicts and in particular Russia' unjustifiable and unprovoked illegal war of aggression against Ukraine are further straining an already challenging security environment. In a time when humanitarian norms are broken on a regular basis, it is essential to uphold the norms established by humanitarian arms control conventions and strengthen their implementation.

We remain deeply concerned about the immense human suffering cluster munitions cause, as well as the adverse effects these weapons have on economic and social development, often for decades after fighting has ceased. We call upon all State and non-

State actors to refrain from using cluster munitions and work towards achieving the humanitarian goals of the Convention.

Mister President,

Germany remains steadfast in its commitment to fully implement its obligations under this Convention:

- Over the past five years, Germany spent over 300 million euros to support the clearance of cluster munition, mines and other explosive remnants of war, risk education and victim assistance.
- We took over several responsibilities in the CCM machinery: From 2022-2023, Germany served as coordinator on International Cooperation and Assistance. From 2023-2025, Germany served as coordinator on General Status and Operation and as a Gender Focal Point.
- In addition to yearly contributions to the Implementation support unit, Germany has contributed 50,000 euros to the CCM Sponsorship Programme in 2026 to facilitate inclusive participation at this Review Conference.

While we remain committed to continuing our engagement over the next years, we must acknowledge that our common efforts to strengthen the implementation of the Convention on Cluster Munitions take place against a backdrop of not only a challenging security situation, but also tighter financial and personnel resources in many countries.

It is therefore all the more important to regularly explore possibilities to increase efficiency and effectiveness – including when assessing our structure and working methods. Our aim must be to ensure that our limited resources are employed in the best possible way to advance universalisation and maximize humanitarian benefit.

Mister President,

Allow me to end by reaffirming our determination to actively support international efforts aimed at bringing an end to the immense suffering caused by cluster munitions.

I thank you, Mister President.