



STATEMENT BY

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ON

**THE OCCASION OF THE THIRD REVIEW CONFERENCE OF THE STATES
PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON CLUSTER MUNITIONS (CCM).**

**VIENTIANE, LAO, PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC- 15TH TO 18TH
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Thank you, Mr. President

Jamaica congratulates the Lao People's Democratic Republic on your Presidency of the Third Review Conference of the States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM). You may count on Jamaica's full support as you guide these important deliberations.

Mr. President,

Jamaica remains cognizant of the grave negative impacts associated with the use of cluster munitions or their unexploded remnants and therefore appreciates this platform and the common agenda to press for strict curtailment measures.

While these weapon systems do not bear an immediate threat to Jamaica, we recognise that there is still an imperative need to foster dialogue and partnerships to ensure that we stand in solidarity with impacted Member States. This will not only revolve around empathy for affected populations in such jurisdictions, but will also serve as a means to promote the universalization of the Convention.

We therefore reaffirm our commitment to support the wider spectrum of measures that further act to curb the proliferation of weapons deemed excessively injurious to humans, in line with our adherence to international humanitarian law.

Mr. President,

Jamaica remains committed to continued cooperation to advance the principles of the Convention and to address the humanitarian consequences of cluster munitions.

In closing, Jamaica remains open to participating in this CCM dialogue and pertinent ensuing actions that may be distilled to further the common interest of all signatories.

I thank you.