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CLUSTER MUNITIONS
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STATEMENT

**REVIEW
CONVENTION ON**

Vientiane, Lao PDR

Mr. President,

Excellencies,

Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

At the outset, Namibia expresses its sincere appreciation to you, Mr President, for your leadership in guiding the work of this Conference. We assure you of Namibia's full support and cooperation. We also wish to convey our gratitude to the Government and people of the Lao PDR for hosting this important Third Review Conference and for the warm hospitality extended to our delegation.

Namibia further commend the Implementation Support Unit, the Secretariat, the Coordinators and all partners for their continued commitment and valuable efforts towards the effective implementation of the Convention. We also wish to congratulate the Republic of Nigeria, Republic of South Sudan and the Republic of Vanuatu on joining the Convention since our last Review Conference.

Mr. President,

Namibia aligns itself with the statement delivered by the distinguished representative of the African Group. In our national capacity, allow me to highlight the following:

Namibia reaffirms its steadfast commitment to the objectives and principles of the Convention, which entered into force for Namibia on 1 February 2019. We remain fully committed to our collective aspiration of achieving a world free of cluster munitions. We recognise the Convention as an important instrument in protecting civilians, alleviating human suffering and the strengthening respect for international humanitarian law.

Consistent with this commitment, Namibia has never produced, used, transferred or stockpiled cluster munitions, nor does it retain such munitions for research or training purposes. Accordingly, Namibia has no stockpiles requiring destruction under Article 3 of the Convention.

Mr President,

Namibia remains deeply concerned by the enduring humanitarian consequences of cluster munitions, particularly their impact on civilian populations and affected communities long after conflicts have ended. We are equally mindful of the resource and capacity constraints faced by many States in addressing these challenges.

It is therefore imperative that our collective commitments are translated into practical, sustained and meaningful support. International cooperation, partnership and the sharing of knowledge remain essential to strengthening nationally owned capacities and ensuring the affected communities receive the support they need.

In this context, Namibia supports the continued efforts towards the universalisation of the Convention, strengthening national ownership, and building sustainable national capacities, including effective victim assistance. We further underscore the importance of adequate, predictable and sustainable international cooperation and assistance, particularly for the affected States Parties.

Mr President,

Victim assistance remains at the heart of our collective efforts. Namibia supports a disability-inclusive approach that upholds the rights, dignity and full participation of persons with disabilities. In this regard, access to rehabilitation, socio-economic inclusion and community-based support remain essential to ensuring that survivors and other affected persons are able to participate fully and with dignity in their communities. Our efforts must remain people-centred, ensuring that humanitarian action translates into meaningful and lasting improvements in the lives of those affected.

Namibia attaches particular importance to inclusion and the mainstreaming of gender equality in the implementation of the Convention. We recognise the important contributions women and youths make to humanitarian disarmament; and support their meaningful and inclusive participation in relevant programmes, initiatives and decision-making processes. Their perspectives and contributions should continue to inform our collective efforts towards advancing peace, security and humanitarian objectives.

Effective implementation of the Convention must be supported by adequate, predictable and sustainable resources. Namibia therefore encourages continued financial, technical and capacity-building assistance to the affected States Parties, in accordance with their national priorities and implementation efforts.

Mr President,

Looking ahead, Namibia welcomes the Vientiane Action Plan 2027–2031 as an important framework for guiding our collective efforts. We further encourage the continued exchange of experiences, expertise and good practices as we advance our shared objectives under the Convention.

Namibia remains committed to working with all States Parties, international and regional organisations, and other relevant stakeholders to advance the objectives of the Convention. We are confident that, through continued cooperation, solidarity and collective commitment, we can make further progress towards our shared goal of a world free of cluster munitions.

I thank you.