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Mister President,

Germany remains firmly dedicated to the goal of a world without cluster munitions, relying on collaborative partnerships that emphasize the active role and responsibility of the affected states. As a committed partner in humanitarian mine action, Germany has allocated nearly 50 million euros in 2025 for risk education, victim assistance, clearance, and explosive ordnance disposal. Our strategy is designed to complement and strengthen the existing efforts of the affected States Parties. In cooperation with humanitarian organizations worldwide, we actively contribute to the removal of cluster munitions, landmines and other unexploded ordnance.

Our strategy builds on the conviction that affected states are best positioned to understand their own contexts, priorities,

and capabilities. Germany's partnership experience worldwide has reinforced that the importance we attach to strong national ownership - defined as a high level of political commitment and the development of sustainable national capacities to plan, coordinate, and manage implementation - is a and more like **the** key element for sustainable success. In this spirit, Germany welcomes the upcoming adoption of the Vientiane Capital Action Plan (VCAP) and fully supports its emphasis on national ownership, as articulated in Actions 1, 3 and 34.

This principle of national ownership is particularly vital for victim assistance which is a cornerstone of Germany's mine action engagement. To ensure sustainable success, victim assistance must enable survivors' full and equal participation in society and be integrated into national health and social protection systems.

Mr. President,

Through our collaborative experiences, we have seen that the success of these efforts depends heavily on the quality and availability of data. We emphasize the importance of sustainable, transparent, and high-quality information

management systems that serve national needs while enabling effective monitoring. Such systems are a prerequisite for efficient prioritization and the overall acceleration of clearance efforts.

To effectively support this national ownership, collective action is the only way forward. By fostering a close synergy between donors, implementing partners, and affected states, we can find innovative solutions to navigate current budgetary challenges. Germany remains steadfast in this commitment.

We commend the affected States Parties for their commitment to fulfilling their obligations under the Convention, often under the most demanding conditions.

The path towards a cluster munition-free world is one we walk together. By combining our unique strengths and perspectives, we remain dedicated to this vital humanitarian mission to save lives and secure a safer future for all.

Thank you, Mister President.