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Lausanne Political Declaration

Elements for a Political Declaration - Ten years of protecting lives, ten years towards completion

Presented by the Presidency of the Second Review Conference

1. We, the high representatives of the 109 States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions gathered for the Second Review Conference in Lausanne. We are inspired by our collective achievements since the entry into force of the Convention. We will strengthen our efforts to realise the objective of the Convention to end the harm caused by cluster munitions and to achieve a world free of cluster munitions.
2. The Convention entered into force ten years ago.
3. We take pride in the humanitarian achievements of the Convention during this decade, in particular in the enhanced protection of women, girls, boys and men from the threat of cluster munitions.
4. More than XX stockpiled cluster munitions have been destroyed, and XX States parties have now completed their destruction obligations. More than XX square kilometres have been cleared and released to civilian use, and XX States parties have completed their clearance obligations. Education programmes to the risks posed by cluster munitions have been put in place. Countless lives and limbs have been saved as a result of these achievements.
5. The pioneering, comprehensive provisions of the Convention with regard to victim assistance are making a difference. Victims and survivors of cluster munitions are receiving better care and their rights have been enhanced. We are inspired by the victims and survivors who participate actively in their communities and in the work of the Convention.
6. The achievements of the Convention are not limited to the humanitarian realm. Its implementation contributes also to forward movement in a number of other areas. This includes economic development, notably advancing the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, the promotion of international peace and security, human security and human rights.
7. These achievements are in no small part owed to a strong partnership between affected and other States, international organisations and civil society, a partnership that we will nurture and further.
8. Notwithstanding the many achievements to date, much remains to be done to fulfil the objective of the Convention. Too many people – women, girls, boys and men – are still injured or killed by cluster munitions every year. People living in affected areas remain at



risk and the development of their communities is hindered by the presence of cluster munitions remnants.

9. *The paragraph(s) still to be drafted/negotiated on the recent and ongoing use of cluster munitions and the promotion of the norms contained in the CCM (equivalent paragraph 6 of the Dubrovnik political declaration).* The following elements should notably frame this paragraph: a) expression of strong concern regarding incidents and evidence of cluster munitions use and of their significant humanitarian impact, with reference to recent or ongoing cases, b) condemnation of any use by any actor, building on the corresponding elements in the Dubrovnik political declaration and the Final document of 8MSP and 9MSP, c) call on all actors that continue to use cluster munitions or engaging in activities prohibited by the Convention to cease now, d) appeal to the world to join the CCM community and in ensuring that the stigma around cluster munitions grow and that they become rapidly a weapons of the past.

10. Putting an end to the era of cluster munitions will require universal adherence with the Convention. Progress in this area has not been as rapid as anticipated at the First Review Conference. Going forward, we will intensify our efforts to promote universal adherence to the Convention, which constitutes an urgent priority.

11. Ending the era of cluster munitions will also require the full and timely implementation of the Convention. Great strides have been made in this area, yet much remains to be done. We will endeavour to complete our obligations under the Convention to the greatest extent possible over the review cycle.

12. We will destroy stockpiled cluster munitions and clear cluster munitions remnants as soon as possible. We will make every effort to increase the pace of stockpile destruction and clearance, with a view to completing our obligations within our original deadlines set by the Convention.

13. We will take forward efforts to put in place effective and targeted risk education programmes addressed at communities at risk, with a view to preventing new casualties.

14. While we aim for no new victims of cluster munitions, we understand that this does not mean a world without cluster munitions victims and survivors. We will increase efforts to address the needs of victims and survivors, and will ensure their full, equal and effective participation in society and integrate assistance to them into national policies and legal frameworks relating to the rights of persons with disabilities as well as health, education, social, employment, poverty reduction and environment plans supporting the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

15. We recognise that strong national ownership and international cooperation and assistance play an important role in the timely and full implementation of all aspects of the Convention. We will strengthen partnerships at all possible levels in order to develop capacity building and national expertise.

16. In implementing the Convention, we will take practical steps to take into account the different needs, vulnerabilities and perspectives of women, girls, boys and men from all age groups. We will strive to ensure full, equal and gender-balanced participation in the work under the Convention and in Convention meetings.

17. We underline that the effective implementation of the Convention directly contributes to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and the commitment to leaving no one behind. We will continue to develop synergies between the Convention and the sustainable development agenda to ensure the greatest benefits possible for communities affected by cluster munitions.

18. We reaffirm our commitment to work tirelessly towards a world free of the suffering, casualties and socio-economic impacts caused by cluster munitions. We reaffirm our aim of achieving of world free of cluster munitions by 2030 to the greatest extent possible, guided by the Lausanne Action Plan 2020-2025.