



Kingdom of the Netherlands

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Mr. President,

We thank the coordinator for all the work that has been done.

The Netherlands urges states to continue and, where possible, strengthen their national implementation measures regarding the provisions of the Convention.

In order to ensure full and effective compliance with the Convention, the Netherlands has adopted legislation that prohibits direct investments by Dutch financial entities in companies that are involved in the production, sale or distribution of cluster munitions and its crucial components. This prohibition entered into force in 2013 and is in line with Article 1.1.(c) of the Convention, which prohibits States Parties from assisting, encouraging or inducing any activity as prohibited under the Convention.

We are pleased that 10 other States Parties have enacted similar legislation. And we welcome the statements made by other States Parties and signatories that they regard investments in cluster munition production as a form of assistance that is prohibited by the convention.

Nevertheless we are concerned about the lack of progress on national implementation measures. The Netherlands calls upon other States Parties who have not yet done so to develop similar legislation in order to further the ultimate goal of the Convention: to ban cluster munitions. We remain open to share knowledge and best practices with States interested in developing similar legislation.

Thank you, Mr. President