

REPRESENTATIVE OF MADAGASCAR STATEMENT

Cluster munitions are / one of the major security issues / of our era.
Indeed / the threats arised from such weapons / affect particularly / the
civilian population.

Madagascar is not less sensitive / to the dignity of these innocent civilians /
victims of the devastating effects / of these types of weapons.

For instance / we reiterate our commitment / not to acquire / or use any
cluster munitions / therefore / Madagascar strongly condemns / with all its
might / their use by anyone / in any circumstances.

We reiterate / our grateful support / to the entire international community /
for its efforts / to protect the humanity.

Indeed / through its mediation / the Convention on Cluster Munitions /
adopted in Dublin / on May the thirtieth 2008 / is now / one of the major
international instruments / (binding or non-binding) / on disarmament.

Finally / aware of the scope / at both national and international level / of the
ratification of the Convention / on Cluster Munitions / we express our deep
concern / about the commitment / to the implementation of this Convention.
For instance / Madagascar has signed the Convention on Cluster Munitions /
on the 3rd of December / 2008,

In the year 2016 / Madagascar has undertaken the ratification process / of the
Convention on Cluster Munitions / And / In the course of this year / the
President of the Republic of Madagascar / has promulgated / the ratification
of the Convention / after the High Court of the Constitution has made / the
review of constitutionality / also / having both the upper and lower chambers
/ respectively the Senate and the National Assembly / their approval /

Then / Madagascar has deposited / the instruments of ratification of the
Convention / to the United Nations General Secretariat / on May twentieth /
two thousand seventeen / this will be put into effect / on November the first
2017 / making our country / the 101st State Party / of The Convention on
Cluster Munitions!! Those steps represent difficulties on achieving the
ratification and becoming state member;

Ladies and gentlemen,

Before ending our remarks, we express our congratulation for the new president and also for the new staff working for the Convention on Cluster Munitions on the objective to getting though the universalization.

Also / I would like to express / our special congratulations / to Benin / which have recently ratified / this Convention on cluster munitions / and / therefore / urge / particularly States which are not members or signatory yet / gather efforts / to join the Treaty or Convention / in order to reduce / the use of such weapons together / or to eradicate / all forms of illicit proliferation and use of weapon / of all kinds and categories.

Thank Indeed for your attention.