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STATEMENT

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Mr. Coordinator,

Grenada continues to actively support the universalization of the Convention on Cluster Munitions.

My delegation has been utilizing every opportunity to engage and inspire member states of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) to ratify or accede to the Convention on Cluster Munitions.

Mr. Coordinator,

Of the fourteen (14) Member States of CARICOM only four (4) are States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions.

Over the last year, my delegation has seen a heightened interest among those states in our region who are not yet States Parties to the Convention. We believe however, that more can be done to transform this interest into action.

My delegation believes that a regional gathering in the Caribbean, bringing together Member States and Civil Society is essential to promoting the universalization of the Convention within CARICOM. At such a meeting, States Parties can share their experiences and further encourage those States who are not yet States Parties to ratify or accede to the convention.

In conclusion, Mr. Coordinator, my delegation will continue its efforts to ensure the full commitment and participation from CARICOM in the Convention on Cluster Munitions.

I thank you