



STATEMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA ON UNIVERSALIZATION

CCM INTERSESSIONAL MEETING 2013

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Thank you Mr Coordinator.

On behalf of the delegation of Croatia I would like to express our pleasure at participating in the work of this year's Intersessional Meeting of the CCM. Allow me to share a brief overview on our efforts to promote CCM in 2012.

RACVIAC – Centre for Security Cooperation and Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of Croatia organized „Workshop on the Implementation of the Convention on Cluster Munitions“ in May 2012. This was the fourth activity related to cluster munitions organized by RACVIAC and its partners. The purpose of this Workshop was to share the latest developments related to the implementation of the CCM.

Objectives of the Workshop were as follows: to provide the participants with an overview of the provisions of the CCM, particularly the obligations of the States Parties; to inform the participants about the results of the 2MSP of the CCM held in September 2011 in Beirut, Lebanon; to provide a forum for discussion on the implementation of the CCM in SEE with focus on national strategies, plans for implementation, progress reports, international and regional cooperation and needs for support from outside the region.

Altogether 30 participants attended the Workshop, representing SEE countries, as well as other countries and international organizations.

The Workshop was divided into four main segments. The first segment focused on the universalization of the CCM while in the second segment representatives of the regional mine action centres and international organizations informed the audience on their role and the status of clearance of cluster munitions remnants in SEE. The third segment focused on stockpile reduction and retention and in the fourth segment victim assistance was reviewed.

Participants considered the Workshop valuable for their future work and beneficial for security in the SEE region. Participants also agreed on the necessity of conducting similar workshops in the future.

Thank you Mr. Coordinator.