

**NAMIBIA'S STATEMENT AT THE REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON
THE UNIVERSALIZATION OF THE CONVENTION ON CLUSTER
MUNITIONS, 22 - 23 MAY 2013**

Mr. Chairman,

Namibia commends the Governments of Togo, Ghana, Zambia and Norway and UNDP for all efforts made to convene the meeting on the Universalization of the Convention on Cluster Munitions.

Namibia condemns the use, stockpiling and production of cluster munitions and shares the view that Africa being the most affected Region should play a leading role in the Universalization of the Convention.

Namibia welcomes the Government of Zambia's decision to include a high -level segment in the upcoming meeting to be held in Zambia from 9 - 13 September 2013 and believes that it would help accelerate the universalization of the Convention.

Mr. Chairman,

Namibia remains committed to the Convention on Cluster Munitions and consultations are underway leading towards the ratification process.

I thank you!