



Convention on Cluster Munitions

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Declaration by the Ambassador Yves Marek regarding the document on the financing of the Implementation Support Unit of the Convention

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France wishes to convey its gratitude to the committee that worked tirelessly to reach a compromise on the complicated issue of the financing of the Implementation Support Unit (ISU) of the Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM). France would like to extend special thanks to the delegate of the Netherlands for his coordination work. France associates itself to the consensus and rejoices that the first review conference of the CCM was able to make important progress by adopting a document on the financing of the ISU.

France considers that the provision regarding the efforts to rationalize and improve the budgetary management, as well as encourage synergies between the ISUs of the Oslo Convention and the Ottawa Convention, is most satisfying, given that the widespread recognition of proper budgetary management encourages financial contributions. France is available to work on this subject.

France would like to indicate that it considers that the only mandatory contributions provided for by the CCM are the ones mentioned in article 14 of the Convention. Therefore, the contributions mentioned in paragraph 7(a) represent a strong moral and political incentive, but they nonetheless remain voluntary contributions – as is the case for the contributions mentioned in paragraphs 7(b) and 7(c).

France considers that the strong political incitation regarding the core of the ISU's mission (evaluated at 40% of its budget), and concerning all States participating to the Conferences, is a substantial progress for which the presidency of the First Review Conference can be credited.

France rejoices that the Review Conference managed to reach a compromise and a consensus on this matter, and conveys its best wishes for success to the ISU for its work during the upcoming year.