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Statement by the Delegation of Malaysia to the
Fourth Review Conference of the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the
Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be Deemed to be Excessively
Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (CCW)

Geneva, 14 – 25 November 2011

Mr. President,

At the outset, on behalf of the Malaysian delegation, I would like to congratulate you on your assumption as the President of this Review Conference. We are confident that you will be able to guide this Review Conference to a meaningful conclusion. Malaysia would also offer its support and full cooperation in assisting you in this regard.

2. Malaysia supports the primary objective of the CCW which is to protect civilians from the effects of conventional weapons and to protect combatants from the infliction of suffering, which exceeds what is necessary for the attainment of a legitimate military objective.

3. Malaysia observes with great interest over the on-going discussions on the draft Protocol on Cluster Munitions. Malaysia notes that there exist various views on how the Convention should address the humanitarian impact of cluster munitions. It is our sincere hope that discussions on the draft protocol would continue and that a consensus text could soon be agreed upon.

Mr. President;

4. Although Malaysia has not signed the CCW, Malaysia remains committed to the ultimate cause and objective of the Convention. It is in this spirit that Malaysia continues to participate in the work of the Convention vis-à-vis participating in the meetings of the Group of Governmental Experts and Meetings of the States Parties since 2000 as an Observer State.

5. Malaysia at the moment is conducting an in-depth study of each Protocol of the CCW with the view of acceding to the CCW in the near future.

I thank you Mr. President.

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