

UNMAS
Mr. Gustavo Laurie

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Mister President,

UNMAS congratulates you in your assumption as President of the 4th Review Conference to the CCW Convention.

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As one of the UN entities that have regularly participated and contributed to the work of the CCW, we witnessed significant progress in terms of universalization and implementation of the CCW regime since the Third Review Conference. We think this is due to much extent to the effective operationalization of the Plan of Action for the Universalization of the CCW and of the Third Review decision on compliance, as well as to the establishment of the Implementation Support Unit and of a Sponsorship Programme.

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This progress is also the result of the relevance of substantive matters addressed by the CCW during this period of time. Not surprisingly, UNMAS focus has been in the implementation of the two mine action-related protocols, Amended Protocol II and Protocol V on Explosive Remnants of War, but also in the work of the CCW in the areas of mines other than antipersonnel mines and on cluster munitions.

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As of cluster munitions, the Secretary-General said in his Message to this forum that "experience sends a clear message that cluster munitions used to date cause unacceptable harm to Civilians". UNMAS field-based work contributed to record and confirm that unfortunate experience, and despite many efforts to improve the Chair's draft proposal for a protocol on cluster munitions, the current draft still allows for the employment of certain types of cluster munitions used in past and recent conflicts with grave humanitarian consequences. Bearing in mind this fact and based on the humanitarian perspective of our work, UNMAS has decided to associate itself with the statement delivered (earlier / yesterday) by the High Commissioner for Human Rights to this forum.

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Mister President, UNMAS is ready to support you in your efforts to achieve a successful outcome of the Fourth Review Conference and we look forward to a substantive and rich agenda for the period up to the next Review Conference.

Thank you for your kind attention.