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**Convention on Cluster Munitions  
Second Preparatory Meeting of the Second Review Conference**

**Item 5-c (Lausanne Political Declaration)**

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Mister President,

Italy aligns itself with the statement of the European Union. Let me add some remarks in my national capacity.

In the path towards the Review Conference, we believe it is important to reiterate our political commitment for the Convention on Cluster Munitions, which ten years after its entry into force represents an important milestone on the way to a more secure and peaceful world.

This is a point we need to clearly state in the **Political Declaration**, together with the pivotal importance of the International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights Law, both being promoted by the principles, the commitments and the actions contained in the Convention.

We believe the document you have prepared with the elements for a Political Declaration represents an excellent basis. We stand ready to support your work in this direction, renewing the Italian engagement in cooperating and providing assistance to States affected by the presence of cluster munitions remnants and unexploded ordnances.