

**An Intervention for the 2nd Preparatory Meeting of
the Second Review Conference of the CCM**

4th September 2020, Palais des Nations

On item 5 (b) Exchange of view on Lausanne Action Plan:

Mr. President,

At the outset, I would like to commend the Presidency of the Second Review Conference and the Secretariat for providing the Informal Draft of Lausanne Action Plan.

I would like to express Lao PDR's general support to the overall Draft of Lausanne Action Plan after Member States' contributions and suggestions that have been taking into account, which has made this Draft more realistic. We are also very much appreciated that our comments have been reflected in this Draft Action Plan.

On another note, the Lao PDR is of the view that setting a definite deadline to complete an evidence-base baseline of Cluster Munitions contamination survey by 2022 is unrealistic in some circumstances, particularly for the most heavily cluster munitions contaminated countries. For the Lao PDR, we have put all our efforts into the competence of UXO/Mine Actions Tasks namely Mine Risk Education, Survey, Clearance and Victim assistance. All these tasks are essential for saving civilian' lives, preventing accidents, and enhancing their livelihood. Therefore, we commit to conducting survey and clearance in a non-discriminated manner. The Lao PDR experiences of the most heavily bombed countries with 15 out of 18 provinces of the country, has proven that survey and clearance are difficult, complicate tasks and time consuming which requires great capacities and resources. It is beyond a single State's effort to complete such work and it depends on other external factors such as funding which have a direct impact on the advancement of the work. Therefore, using a broader language will be more suitable. As for the text amendment of **Action #18**, the revised text will be sent through the official channel in due course.

The Lao PDR is looking forward to a fruitful discussion with all Member States to reach consensus in producing a practical and effective Action Plan.

I thank you.