



Kingdom of the Netherlands

**Statement of the Kingdom of the Netherlands
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By

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Mr. President,

The continued use of cluster munitions abhors us. We condemn any use of cluster munitions by any actor. We have done so, collectively, in the Dubrovnik Declaration and in the Political Declaration which was adopted in 2015 during the 6th Meeting of States Parties. We should, collectively, continue to do so.

We commend the excellent work done by the Cluster Munition Monitor, which provides invaluable documentation in this area. The most recent edition of the Monitor provides reports about the use of cluster munitions in Libya and Syria and allegations of new use in Yemen and Kashmir. Furthermore, we are deeply concerned about the most recent reports of use in the Nagorno Karabach conflict.

Mr. President,

Compliance with the Convention on Cluster Munitions and with all other relevant norms of international law remains of the utmost importance to the Netherlands. We urge those using cluster munitions to react in a concrete, open and transparent manner.

In the meantime, we call upon all governments concerned to take any necessary measure to protect its citizens from cluster munitions, including through fulfilling their time bound stock-pile destruction and clearance obligations.

Thank you, Mr. President